



# Willow Class



## Autumn 2 2018

### Welcome Back

We hope that you have all had a fun-filled half term and that the children are feeling refreshed and ready for more learning. We had a great first half term settling in and learning got off to a good start.

We appreciate how well the children are getting on and much learning is supported at home. If you have any questions please always feel free to talk to us. Also don't forget to book your Parent Day appointment, where we will look forward to sharing more information about your child's individual learning.

### Learning Journey

There will be lots of really exciting themes happening this term, we will be kick starting the term with a focus on bonfire night and an introduction to light and dark. This will then be followed by Remembrance and also Diwali.



With our impending visit to the Sealife Centre we will be spending some time learning about the different animals that we might see. We will also continue to look at the changes in seasons and of course Christmas.



### PE

The children take part in PE sessions in the hall on a Friday afternoon. This continues to be held inside. Please ensure that all PE kit is in school and clearly labelled. Encouraging your child to be independent in dressing and undressing is a really important skill.

**Friday PE**



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### Love Reading

All children now have a banded reading book, which we send home every day. It is very important that your child reads daily, please date and sign the reading record accordingly. Both book and reading record **must** be returned to school every day.

Listening to and enjoying books is a key part of reading so please feel free to borrow a book from our book corner to share at home.

**Show us your favourite books!**

If your child has a favourite book at home then we would love to read it to our groups during reading pledge time.

**CARE-BUILD-FOLLOW-THINK**

## Literacy

Our first literacy text this term will be 'A Dark, Dark Tale' by Ruth Brown. The children will learn the story with actions and then begin to change the story to make it their own. The story has some lovely suspense with a surprise at the end.

During our literacy learning the children will be encouraged to use their ever growing phonic knowledge to apply in their writing. We will be exploring new vocabulary and creating our own story maps.

We have been practicing writing names and even our surnames in some cases. During group time, the children always have an opportunity to practice writing their name and are encouraged to write it on work throughout the day.

## Behaviour & Reward

The children are now in full swing with playing 'snakes and ladders'. They are aware of ways in which they can earn house points and move up the ladder. We have had lots of children reaching for the stars. Let's see who will reach for the stars this term!



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## Numeracy

We have spent lots of time focussing on number recognition, counting and shape so far. The children will continue to build on this knowledge as we move forward. During maths session we will begin the term with a focus on 'more' and 'fewer'. We will explore different amounts of objects and compare using mathematical language.

This will lead us nicely in to some practical additon where the children will have the opportunity to add two groups of objects to find the 'total'. They will become familiar with vocabulary linked to addition and with opportunities to use this in their everyday learning.

As always, there are many ways that this learning can be supported at home. Counting out fruit, 'How many do you have?' 'How many do I have?' 'How many do we have altogether?' 'Who has more/fewer?'.

## Dates for the diary

### Autumn Term 2

- Sea Life Centre Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November.
- Willow Class Parent Day Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November.
- Willow Class Assembly Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November.



**Attendance – Coming to school every day is really important!**  
**Can Willow Class can win the attendance award this term?**

# Other Notices

## Key Groups

We are really pleased with how our key group system is working, children have built relationships very quickly and adults are getting to know children really well.

## Snacks

This term we have introduced 'Sammy Snack Bear'. The idea is that the children choose which snacks they think everyone would like, write a shopping list and take charge of the shopping money. The bear then comes home with you for a shopping trip and a short stay. So far, this has been very popular, where possible parents have emailed photographs of the experience. This has given lots of opportunities for learning. If you would prefer to opt out of this then please let a member of staff know.

## Lunches

The children are now quite aware of lunchtime routines and are settling into this well, however there are a number of children that are not eating well. Please ensure that you check the lunch choices in advance with your child.

## Toys

Some of the children have been bringing toys into school and although we understand that some of these supported transition from home to school we ask that any toys now be kept at home please as we cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage. We also encourage the children to interact with what is on offer in the classroom. Many thanks for your support with this.

## Christmas Stay and Play!

We welcome families to join us for a fun afternoon of Christmas crafts and activities during the month of December, date to be confirmed.

# Collective Worship

**The first Willow class Worship will be on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm when we will WOW you with some of our learning. All are warmly invited to come along and join us.**

**Mon – Class Singing Worship Tues/Wed – Whole Sch Worship Thur – Class Worship Fri – Special Awards**  
Please come and join in with our Special Award Worship every Friday at **2:30**. We do ask that you bring along your singing voices. Who will receive the class Star of the Week/Headteacher's Award?