

Willow Class



Spring Term Newsletter

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Happy New Year! Our topic for this term is 'Traditional Tales'.

We will be looking at the following books:

Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks, The Three Little Pigs, The Gingerbread man, Billy Goats Gruff, Jack and the Beanstalk and The Little Red Hen.

Why not visit the library or buy some of these books so your child can read them with you at home? You could help your child by doing some of the activities below as follows:

Communication, language and literacy-

Use 'Fred Talk' to read and write cvc words for example b-e-d bed and c-a-t cat.

Help your child form letters correctly (Please ask if you would like information on this).

Write their name correctly with a capital letter only at the beginning.

Use the story language 'Once upon a time' 'they lived happily ever after' 'suddenly'.

Write letters, lists, instructions and stories. Please bring these in and we can share them with the rest of the class.

Mathematics-

Write the numbers together with your child. Encourage them to start at the top.

Count, read and order numbers up to 15 and beyond.

Counting on from any given number e.g. what comes next 5, 6...

Simple addition and subtraction e.g. 5 and 2 makes... Make these activities practical using objects, fingers etc. When they are ready, move onto doing this in their head.

Measure during cooking, using scales and encouraging use of words such as more, less, heavier and lighter.

Look at shapes in the environment and talk about them e.g. square, circle, triangle, rectangle, big, small, cube, sphere (ball) and pyramid.

Personal, social and emotional-

Encourage your child to talk about their feelings and think about how others might be feeling. Use words such as happy, sad, angry, worried or scared.

Play a board game together to encourage sharing and taking turns.

Use golden words such as please, thank you and excuse me.

Knowledge and understanding of the world-

Go on a walk to explore the outside, looking for bugs, splashing in puddles, searching for leaves. Bring in from home empty boxes, tubes, bottles and newspapers to help us make models in school. Make models to bring in to school. Talk with your child about what they have made. Use a computer to find out about the stories we are learning in school. Look at baby animals and talk about babies. Grow some seeds in a pot or on a windowsill and talk about what happens as they grow.

Creative development-

Make pictures using shapes and boxes (3D shapes).
Paint pictures, make junk models and use play dough.
When out and about talk about what they hear, smell and touch.
Make sounds using everyday items (saucepans and spoons, bottles etc)

Physical development-

Travel around, under, over and through equipment i.e. GO TO THE PARK!
Encourage to pick up and hold a pen, pencil and scissors correctly.

Reading

Please try and read with your child for 10 mins daily. Please sign their reading each time they are read with.
Please ensure you child's PACT folder is brought in to school every day. If their PACT folder or reading book is not in school we will not be able to read or change their books.

Homework

Homework will continue to be given out on a Thursday to be returned on Monday. Thank you for all the fantastic homework we have received so far. The children love sharing what they have done with the rest of the class.

P.E

P.E lessons will now be on a Monday. P.E kits are kept in school and we will send them home at half term intervals for washing, this means that if there is a sudden change in timetable their kits are in school. Their kit should include the following:
White T-Shirt Black plimsolls Blue Shorts

Can all parents check that their child's plimsolls still fit them! Also check their PE kit is labelled.

Uniform and jewellery

No jewellery should be worn in school with the exception of stud earrings and watches. Children will be asked to remove hoop earrings in school, as these are very dangerous especially during playtimes and P.E. All hair that is longer than shoulder length must be tied back.
Please check your child's school jumper is still labelled as some of the names have washed out.

Attendance and lateness

Please remember your child must be in school at 8.50 a.m. otherwise they will be marked late in the register. After this time you must bring them in via the office.

Please could the children enter school on their own in the mornings, they all know where to hang their coats and put their bags now. It can be very confusing and busy in the corridor at this time and this is not safe.

Class fund

We ask for a donation of £1 each week which we save up and put towards class trips, cooking ingredients and snacks etc. Children should bring this to school on a Monday. Thank you to all those parents who bring their money in regularly.

Important dates for your diary

Forest School - 14/01/16, 21/01/16, 28/01/16, 04/02/16, 11/02/16, 25/02/16

Bocketts Farm Trip - Tuesday 22nd March

Reception Willow Class

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