

Willow Class Curriculum News Spring Term 2024

'Clothes' and 'Up in the Air and Over the Ground'

Communication and Language

We will be using

'Helicopter Stories'

This helps to develop language and creativity in story-telling and drama.

Children are given the opportunity to make up a story that is recorded verbatim by an adult.

The children then work together to act out the story as it is read back to them.

We will make use of 'Talk Partners' to help develop speaking and listening skills.

Physical Development

Year R - This term in PE we will be doing gymnastics and dance.

Other skills such as handling tools safely will be addressed throughout the curriculum and through our Forest School sessions.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This area of the curriculum is continually addressed in all that we do in Willow Class but our specific learning this term will be **Conflict Resolution**.

Our Values this term are: Humility, Love and Patience

Literacy

Comprehension

We will be reading and discussing stories and using non-fiction texts to support our learning on our topics.

Phonics

Some of our children will be completing Level 2 Phonics before moving on to Level 3, learning the digraphs for the long vowel sounds such as ai, ee and oa.

Other children will soon be moving on to Level 4, introducing words with more than 3 sounds such as 'stop' and 'brick' and words with more than 1 syllable such as 'windmill'.

We also have tricky words to learn that can't be sounded out using phonic knowledge.

Writing

The children will be supported and encouraged to use their phonic knowledge to write independently in a variety of contexts such as lists, recounts, instructions and stories.

Mathematics

- Introducing 0
- Finding 0 to 5 then to 10
- Subitise & represent numbers to 5 then to 10
- 1 more & 1 less to 5 then 10
- Composition of numbers to 5 then to 10
- Explore & compare length, height, mass & capacity
- Find balance
- Make pairs – odd and even
- Double to 8 & then to 10
- Combine 2 groups
- Talk about, order and sequence time
- Compare numbers to 10
- Bonds to 10 (2 part then 3 part)
- Make arrangements to 10
- Explore even and odd
- Recognise, name & explore 3D shapes
- Patterns

Understanding the World

The topics of **Clothes** and **Up in the Air and Over the Ground** give us plenty of opportunities to look at different materials, for different clothes, journeys and transport. We will find out about the changes that occur in the seasons as we move from winter into spring. In RE we will talk about special places, the Lunar New Year and Easter.

Expressive Arts and Design

Our activities will focus on fabrics, yarn and weaving for the first part of the term.

We will link activities to journeys and vehicles in the second part of the term.