

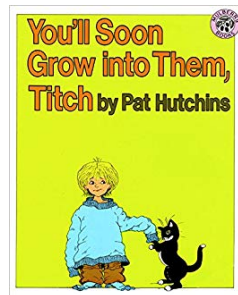
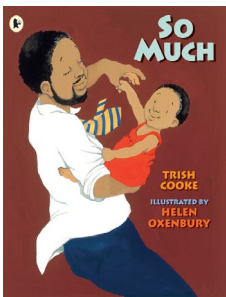


Nursery Autumn Term Newsletter

The Nursery team would like to take this opportunity to offer you a very warm welcome to The Willows Primary School. We have enjoyed getting to know you and your child a little better over the past few weeks and are extremely pleased with how they have settled into nursery life so quickly. We recognise the important role that we are going to play in your child's early education and aim to ensure that each and every child is given the opportunity to develop into competent and confident individuals in a warm, safe and caring environment.

It has been wonderful sharing the children's special boxes, finding out about their families, likes and interests. There is still time to bring one into school if you haven't had the chance to do so yet and all boxes will be displayed in Nursery throughout the year. Thank you for supporting your child with coming into school independently – they have all done brilliantly and have settled very quickly.

We will be sharing lots of nursery rhymes and songs over the next term and we hope the children will share them with you too. We will be exploring our topic of 'This is Me' through a number of stories which include 'So Much', 'From Head to Toe', 'You'll Soon Grow Into Them Titch', and 'My Mum and Dad Make Me Laugh'. Using these stories we will explore families, our bodies, and growth.



In Mathematics we will be using songs and counting rhymes to develop the children's understanding of number and the concept of counting. We will be counting lots of different things and in lots of different ways! We will be learning how to recognise numbers and finding out what these numbers mean. We will also be looking at the names and some of the properties of 2-D shapes and going on a shape hunt around school.



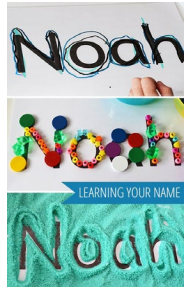
We have lots of wonderful experiences and activities to share with the children this term and throughout the year. They will be given an opportunity to learn in a fun, practical and imaginative way. We will deliver the ethos of our school motto by exploring, dreaming and discovering together.

Our topic for the first few weeks is 'This is Me' where the children will be learning about themselves and their peers. We will then move on to learn more about celebrations and we will be looking at parties, Diwali and Christmas.

Our indoor role-play area is the very recognisable setting of a home, giving the children the opportunity to act out familiar routines. After half term, it will briefly become the home of Winnie the Witch and later it will be decorated for Christmas. Outdoor play is a very important part of Early Years education and is as important as the play that takes place indoors. We will attempt to go outside in most weathers so please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately according to the weather. If your child does not yet have a pair of wellies in school please send these in as soon as possible clearly labelled with their name.

On Fridays we will alternate between our Willows Outdoor Workshop sessions (Forest Schools) and P.E. These lessons will start on **Friday 5th November** with our Willows Outdoor Workshop (WOW). Children will need to wear their uniform on the top half and warm clothing on the bottom. We will change into wellies once the children are in school. The following week will be P.E. and children will need to come to school dressed in their P.E. clothes which they will wear for the rest of the day. As the weather will be quite cold by then, children will need jogging bottoms and a jumper to wear over their P.E. kit.

Lots of children are beginning to recognise their names both on their pegs and during self-registration. There are lots of activities that you can do at home to support with this (see photograph below).



Children are trying very hard to put their own coats on and off and are attempting the tricky challenge of zipping them up! Encouraging your child to do this will help them to be as independent as possible throughout the school day.

In order to ensure that everyone has a happy time at Nursery we encourage positive behaviour in a number of ways - lots of praise, smiley charts, stickers, certificates and the base group special helper. There may be times when some children's behaviour proves to be more challenging. In these instances the behaviour will be dealt with consistently, fairly and firmly. We will clearly explain to the child why the behaviour was unacceptable and they will be asked to sit on the thinking chair for three minutes to reflect on their behaviour. After this time they will be asked why they needed to sit on the thinking chair and be given the opportunity to apologise. If you wish to read our behaviour policy please visit the school website. These instances tend to become less throughout the year as the children become more familiar with the routines and the expectations of the Nursery.

To ensure that we have enough time to carry out all of the activities in nursery we will be using hand sanitiser at times to speed up the hand washing process. Please let your child's key worker know if you are not happy for hand sanitiser to be used on your child's hands.

Proud Clouds

Please use the proud clouds to share any special achievements that your child has done e.g. counted to 10/20 for the first time or sang a nursery rhyme from beginning to end. We look forward to sharing them in school and displaying them on our board.

General Reminders

- Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- We have fruit and milk delivered to school so you do not need to send your child with a snack.
- Please send your child to school with 1 named water bottle in order for them to have a drink throughout the day.
- Please ensure that your child has a bag of spare clothes on their peg should he/she have an accident. These clothes do not need to be uniform.
- If you are unable to collect your child from school for whatever reason please telephone the school office to let us know in advance who will be attending instead.
- Please use our dojo system for getting in touch.

Date for your Diary

Tuesday 5th October – Sow the Seed to Read Workshop
Tuesday 12th October – Songs and Rhyme Make Talking Time
Tuesday 19th October – Take It Out So I'll Speak Out
Thursday 21st October - Spots and Stripes dress up day

Thank you for your support
The Nursery Team