



Reception Autumn Term Newsletter

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big hello to you all. We have really enjoyed getting to know your lovely children a little better over the last couple of weeks and we hope that they have enjoyed their few weeks in Reception. Thank you for signing up to Class Dojo, Parent Pay and See Saw and we are looking forward to the year ahead.

Writing

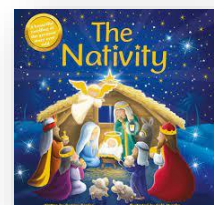
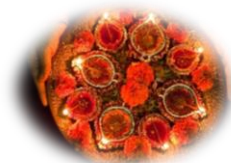
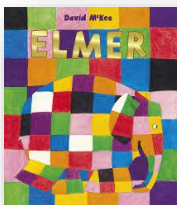
Once we have completed all of our assessments on the children over the next few weeks we will begin to teach writing through our **Read Write Inc** programme. Children will be practising their name writing skills regularly. Some children may be able to write their name already but it is important for them to write it using the correct letter formation with a capital letter for the beginning of their name.

Maths

During our Maths sessions we will be learning a number of concepts in a practical and fun way. We will be making repeating patterns using colour and shapes e.g. red/blue/red/blue encouraging the children to decide what comes next. These may be simple or complex using more combinations depending upon your child. We will be sorting and comparing objects, you could help at home with sorting washing into colours etc. Always remember to ask the children '**WHAT IS THE RULE?**' We will also be looking at positional language, describing and understanding such vocabulary as **next to**, **behind** and **in front of**.

After half term we will be looking at representing and comparing numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 along with their composition. We will then move onto shapes with 1 side and 3 sides (circles and triangles).

Over the coming weeks our Explore, Dream, Discover Curriculum work will be titled 'This is me'. We will be using the story of 'Elmer', to discuss and celebrate everyone's unique characters, personalities and physical attributes. We will use the story of 'Funnybones' and a variety of songs and games to introduce children to the way in which their bodies work. After half term, we will be continuing with a focus on celebrations and we will be exploring Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas. We will alternate P.E and W.O.W Workshops on a Friday. In our Friday P.E lessons we will be delivering gymnastics where the children will be asked to travel in different ways, make shapes, balance and roll. In our Willows Outdoor Workshops (W.O.W) we will be looking at changes in the environment and also learning different types of knots.



- **Brain builders** - homework will be sent home every other Wednesday and will need to be returned on the Monday before the next one is given out. Please ensure that you upload photos and videos to Seesaw. Please support your child in doing their homework independently – we love to see their efforts even if it's not perfect.
- **Proud Clouds** - We would also like to give you the opportunity to tell us about your child's 'wow' moments and significant achievements e.g. they sing a particular nursery rhyme from beginning to end, they count to 5, 10 or even more. We want to know about the things your child does that stand out and make you want to say 'wow, they've not done that before'. The proud clouds are for you to use to record these achievements on and to send back into school whenever you've got something to tell. We will share them with the rest of the class and then put them on display. When you need more proud clouds let us know and we will provide you with them.
- **Fitzy Fox** – Fitzy will come home with a sporting star each week. He will be sent home on a Friday and we ask that he is returned on a Monday so that he can be washed ready for the next child. We love to hear what you have been up to with Fitzy so please email your class teacher with some information and photos.

Reminder – Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled with your child’s name.

We also ask that you send a spare set of clothes that can be kept in a bag on their peg in case of any accidents. These do not need to be school uniform but should include underwear and socks.

COVID-19 Updates and Information – Please see school website www.willowsprimary.com

Remember to check out the School Blog and weekly newsletter for dates.

If you would like to speak to any of the Reception team regarding concerns or worries that you may have please do not hesitate to do so. We are available each morning or afternoon at the beginning and end of the school day or you can make an appointment for longer discussions. Alternatively you can always contact us by Class Dojo.

