

Year 1 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to Year One! We hope you had a great summer holiday. We would like to give you some information about Year One and our first term together.

Year One Staff

The teachers in Year One are Mrs Adlington (1AA), Miss Gibson (1WG) and Miss Tellwright (1JT). The teaching assistants in Year One are Miss Garrett (1AA), Mrs Littler and Mr Bridger-Brooks (1JT) and Mrs Watson (1WG).

If you need to pass any further information on please telephone the school office (01782 233280) or email (office@willowsprimary.com).

If you need to contact one of the teachers, please do so via the DOJO app.

Arriving at school

To ensure that the children are becoming increasingly independent we ask that parents leave their children at the K.S.1 entrance. It is essential to be punctual in the mornings and afternoons.

Year 1 8.50am – 3.00pm

Snacks at break time

We do have fruit in school but children are welcome to bring their own **healthy** snack to enjoy during their playtime. Snacks can include: fruit, cereal bars, raisins, dried fruit or cheese. If you are providing a snack in a reusable container, please label this clearly with your child's name.

Home time

Please can we ask that parents wait away from the door as it makes it easier for the children to see you! Standing in the same area of the playground also helps us to spot you quickly. We ask that pupils tell their teacher that they can see the person collecting them from school before they go to the appropriate adult. Please remind your child to tell us that they are going home so we know that everyone has been collected. If your child is collected by more than one adult, other family members or an after school club we would be very grateful if you could let us know, so that we can avoid uncertainty.

Reading Rockets



Reading

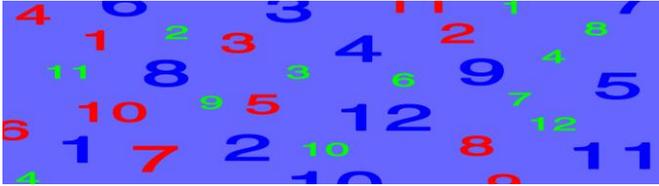
It is expected that every child achieves the reading challenge. To complete the challenge your child must:

- Read at home with an adult – this can be reading of key word bookmarks or reading books
- Read or practise words for approximately 10/15 minutes per night, for a minimum of five nights a week to an adult - discuss unknown words
- Bring their reading diary and books to school every day. Books will be changed on Mondays (2 books) and Fridays (1 book).

Each week your child's reading diary will be checked and a stamp will be put in the diary if the reading challenge has been achieved. Therefore, it is very important that the diary is signed and dated each time your child has read their book. We will keep a record of your child's reading at home and the class scores are celebrated in our celebration assembly. The winning class in Year 1 will receive a small weekly class prize such as afternoon play and special story times.

Maths

Initially the children will be engaged in lots of different counting activities to ensure their understanding of numbers. We will then move on to comparing two sets of objects using one-to-one correspondence and understanding that a number of objects can be the same as, smaller than or greater than another set of objects. Children will also need to be able to recognise digits and form numbers correctly. For the first half term we will be only working with numbers within 20.



Golden Time

Children will continue to benefit from class golden time as a reward for demonstrating good behaviour in school. We will offer activities for this time eg outdoor play, using wet playtime toys, playing a class game etc. golden time will take place on Fridays.

Our Explore, Dream, Discover Curriculum

This half term our curriculum is also centred around our English text 'The Acorn.' We will be learning about seasonal changes, woodland animals, birds, deciduous and evergreen trees and harvest.

We will be exploring our school woodland area so it would be great if your child could bring their wellies in a named plastic bag and leave them in school for the next few weeks.

Fitzy Fox

Fitzy Fox is our P.E mascot and he will continue to come home with a different child each weekend, please return by the Monday so that he can be prepared for the next trip out. He comes with a bag of activities to enjoy! This is a way of encouraging your child to be healthy and active. Instead of a diary as previous years, please upload any pictures or information about your child's Fitzy adventure to their Dojo account.

English

Our English lessons this half term will be centred around the story of 'The Acorn.' The children will learn 'story telling actions' to help them remember the story and practise basic sentence structure. The children will become really familiar with the story over the half term and eventually will be able to retell the story in their own words. We shall be engaging the children in lots of exciting writing opportunities and be encouraging them to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops when writing sentences. They will begin to become aware of where capital letters are used and the names of these letters.

Homework

This will be set electronically via the Dojo app that your child will have used in Reception. Maths homework will be set on Wednesday's and will need to be completed in books by the following Monday, these will be marked in school. Spellings will be shared on Friday and the children will be tested the following Friday, spellings will be high frequency words to begin with.

PE

The children in Year 1 will do PE on Wednesday. Please send your child to school on a Wednesday in their PE kit. They need a Willows PE t-shirt, royal blue shorts, for colder weather leggings or jogging bottoms, and pumps/trainers. Please consider the weather because your child will be going outside at break times and possibly for their PE lessons as well.

Uniform and Jewellery

Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled. It is much easier to find and return mislaid clothing that is labelled, than those that are not. School policy does not permit the wearing of jewellery, other than a watch. Please ensure all earrings and other jewellery is removed before your child comes to school.

Dates for your diary

28th September – flu immunisations

12th October – phonics workshop for parents/carers

18th October – Forest School day – learning in our woodland (more info to follow)

2nd November – English workshop for parents/carers

24th November – individual and sibling photos

5th December – 1JT class nativity at 1.30pm

7th December – 1WG class nativity at 9.30am

8th December – 1AA class nativity at 9.30am

9th December – Theatre trip (Alice in Wonderland) at the New Vic (more info to follow)

If you have any questions or queries please get in touch as soon as possible.

We all look forward to a happy and successful year together.

Miss Gibson, Mrs Adlington and Miss Tellwright.

Keep up to date with what we're doing in class, on our class Dojo and school blog!

<http://willowsprimary.primaryblogger.co.uk/category/year-1/>

