

## 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 (1 Beech), Miss Gibson (1 Rowan) and Miss Tellwright (1 Hawthorn). The teaching assistants in Year One are Miss Garrett (1 Beech), Mrs Littler and Mr Bridger-Brooks (1 Hawthorn) and Mrs Watson (1 Rowan).

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 8.35am – 3.12pm

### **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 (please avoid snacks containing nuts). 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. 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**

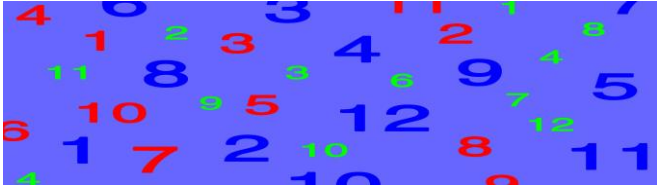
It is expected that every child achieves the reading challenge. To complete the challenge your child must:

- 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. The class receive weekly treats if they achieve over 60% - examples of treats are construction time, afternoon playtime, ipad time and a sweet treat.

## **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 a Friday.

## **Our Explore, Dream, Discover Curriculum**

Geography – We will be learning about the Continents and Oceans of the world and the countries, seas and capital cities of the United Kingdom.

History – We will be learning about some of the Monarchs from the past up until present the present day.

Science – We are learning about plants and trees and then in the second half term animals and their habitats.

## **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.

## **RWI/English**

Read Write Inc (RWI) is our phonics programme where children are grouped according to their knowledge of phonetic sounds. In the autumn term, we will also be using the writing element of RWI to form the basis of our English lessons whilst we introduce sentence structure and cursive letter formation.

Your child's reading book will be closely linked to the sounds and skills they are currently working on in RWI. This may mean that your child will read a book more than once.

## **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 and will need to be completed in your child's blue maths homework book by the following Monday, these will be marked in school and returned. We ask that the children write in pencil as they do in school.

## **PE**

The children in Year 1 will do PE on a Monday and Wednesday. Please send your child to school in their PE kit on these days. They need a Willows PE t-shirt, royal blue shorts, for colder weather navy blue 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.

## **Swimming**

W/C 25<sup>th</sup> September and 2<sup>nd</sup> October – details of days to follow. Classes have 3 slots each and we will send out individual dates closer to the time as things may change between now and then. Children need a swimming costume/shorts, towel, swimming hat and some flip-flops/shoes to slip on to walk to the pool.

## **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**

### **October**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 1 Beech – Conkers trip

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 1 Rowan – Conkers trip

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 1 Hawthorn – Conkers trip

Wednesday 11th Y1 Phonics workshop

Wednesday 25th Y1 Maths workshop

Thursday 26th Parent Consultations

BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

Friday 27th INSET day

### **November**

Tuesday 6th School opens for children

Friday 24th Fitness Friday

Monday 27th Individual and sibling photos

### **December**

Monday 18th 1 Beech - showcase 2pm

Tuesday 19th 1 Rowan - showcase 2pm

Wednesday 20th 1 Hawthorn - showcase 2pm

Thursday 21st BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS

**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/>

