



KS1 (Years 1 and 2) Newsletter - Autumn 2023

Friendship, Courage, Respect, Thoughtfulness, Determination, Hope, Happiness, Honesty, Peace, Friendship, Kindness, Thoughtfulness

Values this term: Friendship, Tolerance, Courage and Kindness



Welcome to Willows Class! The children have settled in beautifully and they are already beginning to make progress towards their learning targets. In the first half of the Autumn term we will spend a lot of time ensuring that the children are feeling **happy and safe** at school and that they are confident with the new routines. The children's wellbeing is always at the heart of everything we do!

Reading reminder: please ensure the children read their reading books at home on a daily basis or as often as possible. Short, regular sessions are more beneficial than reading the whole book in one go. If you would like any support with home reading please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Please ensure all you children's belongings are clearly labelled. Could I also request **only water** in the drinks bottles, please.

Mathematics

In Autumn 1 the children will spend many weeks working on Number and place value, before moving into Addition and subtraction.

In Autumn 2, we will continue with addition and subtraction before moving to work on Shape.

The Year 1 and 2 maths sessions are taught in separate classrooms.

English

This half term we begin with a 'Stories in familiar settings unit'—starting with the much loved 'Large Family Stories by Jill Murphy.

We then move on to Traditional Tales, with particular focus on The Three Little Pigs before ending the half term with a non-fiction unit on Instructions.

After the half term break we will be looking at various non fiction texts before moving to a festive classic, the Nutcracker.

Topic and Science

Our history topic for the first half term will be 'Schools in the Past'.

In art we will be making and creating using maps of various sizes and scales.

After half term our geography topic will be 'Where am I' and in 'D&T we will be building Baby bears chairs.

In Science our topic will be 'People and their pets'.

In Autumn 2 it will be seasonal changes and weather.

KS1 timetable

Please remember Forest School on Mondays: the children will need long sleeve tops and trousers/leggings and comfy footwear. They will also need full waterproofs in a separate bag.

This term PE will be on a Wednesdays. After half term we will have additional session on Mondays.

The children will also continue to have an opportunity to attend a sports club at lunchtime on Thursdays.

Reading books will be changed on Fridays.



We urgently need parent/grandparent helpers to support with reading at school. If you are able to volunteer on a regular basis, we would love to hear from you!