

Curriculum Newsletter

Year R

Spring Term 1



Willow Class:
Mrs Cheesman & Mrs Hibbett



Dates for your Diary

P.E is on a Friday with Mrs Hookway.

Term 3: Monday 5th January – Friday 13th February

Safer Internet Day: Tues 10th Feb

World Book Day: Thurs 5th March

Reports: Tues 31st March

Easter Service: Mon 30th March

Easter Hat Parade: Wed 1st April

Phonics/Reading

We will continue to use **RWI** as our **phonics** scheme and have daily taught sessions.

Each letter is linked to a picture to help the children learn the sounds and also to help them to form the letter correctly.

Children will learn how to blend sounds together to read simple words and sentences. The children will continue to be grouped according to their phonic knowledge.

Your child will bring home sound or reading books which match what they have been doing in their taught phonics sessions.

Literacy - It's all about me

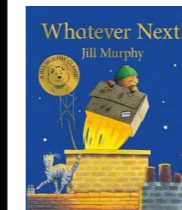
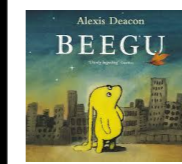
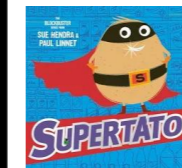
Our Literacy will be based on Superheroes and Space and we will be using the books shown as well as other exciting texts to support this fantastic topic.

We will be thinking about our favourite superheroes, designing costumes and exploring what unique superhero qualities we all have.

Later in the term, we will be launching into exploring space!

We will be on a fact-finding mission to learn about Neil Armstrong and the Moon Landing and also discover what life is like for astronauts today.

We will then use our imaginations to make and describe aliens and see if we can write captions, simple instructions and sentences.



Maths

We use the Number Sense Scheme for maths as well as White Rose. This term we will be focussing on subitising and using numbers 6-10.

Ways to support your child include:

- Playing board games with a spotty dice.
- Looking for examples of numbers in nature.
- Playing dominoes (or stacking them) and discussing the numbers shown whilst doing so.

Communication & Language

We enjoy the children developing their story telling skills telling Helicopter Stories and then acting them out in front of the class. We will be introduced to lots of new vocabulary around our topic and look forward to hearing children develop their own vocabulary and questioning skills. We will also be singing songs, reading stories and having circle time sessions.

Personal, Social & Emotional development

The theme for this term is "Managing Self and Taking on Challenges". We are encouraging the children to develop perseverance and resilience. Children will still be able to share their feelings using the 'Zones of Regulation.'

Physical Development

The class will have PE with Mrs Hookway and will enjoy playing team games, as well as using equipment to develop their physical skills. PE will be every Friday morning.

There will be a focus on developing gross and fine motor control in class. We will be continuing to practise handwriting so that the children write recognisable letters and words that are formed correctly and can be read by others.

Understanding the World

We will link with literacy and be exploring Superheroes and Space! We will explore space and find out what life is like on The International Space Station. We will find it is very different to life in High Brooms.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will have opportunities to explore all the different resources available, and can complete child-initiated challenges to make pictures or models. Among other creative activities, children can use junk modelling to make space ships and different media to create space collages. We will be encouraging the children to follow a recipe to make moon sand and they will be able to design their own aliens. Children may also enjoy dressing up and acting in role as well as singing or making music for friends to listen to.

R.E

We will be looking at New Testament stories in R.E this term such as the story of Jesus calling his disciples.