

Curriculum Newsletter

Year R

Spring Term 2



Willow Class:
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Dates for your Diary

Mondays and Fridays: P.E with Mrs Hookway.

Term 4: Monday 23rd February – Thursday 2nd April

World Book Day: Thursday 5th March

Easter Service: Monday 30th March

Easter Hat Parade: Wednesday 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.

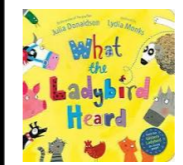
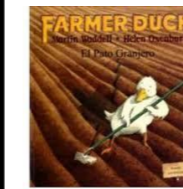
Literacy – Farmyard Fun

Our Literacy will be based around our topic Farmyard Fun and we will be using the books shown as well as other exciting texts to support this fantastic topic.

We will be learning about farm animals, describing them and finding out facts about how to care for them.

Later in the term we will be learning some traditional tales linked to farm animals such as The Little Red Hen and The Three Little Pigs.

We will be asking questions about looking after domestic animals such as guinea pigs, cats and dogs.



Maths

We use the Number Sense Scheme for maths as well as White Rose. This term we will be focussing on partitioning 2,3,4,5, and 10 and “number bonds” for these numbers. We will also be continuing spatial reasoning through provocations in continuous provision.

Ways to support your child include:

- Shape puzzles and construction
- Looking for examples of numbers and shapes in nature.

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 “Self-regulation: Listening and following instructions”. 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 Monday and Friday.

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 this with literacy and will be exploring farms and animals. We will discuss what they eat and how to look after them. We will be comparing the countryside with towns and also explore contrasting locations by looking at farms in other countries. We will think about taking care of the environment.

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 investigate animal coverings such as feathers, skin, wool and fur and look at pattern and textures. They may choose to use wool to make farm animals or to weave.

R.E

We will be looking at the theme of Salvation in R.E this term as we lead up to Easter.