



## Reception Spring Term Newsletter

We have got a busy term planned and have already began our part of The Willows Explore-Dream-Discover Curriculum of 'Traditional Tales' with 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff', which the children were extremely enthusiastic about. After half-term we will be starting to look at different aspects of 'Our world'. We are really excited to visit the countryside, learn all about the Royal Family and learn about different roles in our society.

As you already know **Read Write Inc** is the structured phonics programme that we follow. As you can imagine, there is a very wide range of ability with some children being able to read simple words and sentences, while some children need to have letter sounds reinforced. This is absolutely normal as all children develop at different rates. In order that we can meet the needs of all of the children we will continue to group the children by ability. The website below will help you to support your child with phonics at home: <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parents/>. This webpage includes 'Fred' games, to practice oral blending in a fun, practical way and handwriting phrases to help support correct letter formation. If you need any advice of how to support your child with phonics please speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to help.

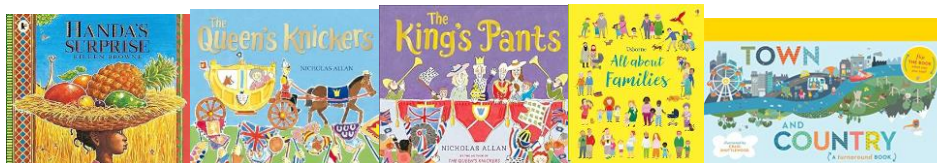
We use White Rose Maths as a basis for our maths curriculum. We ensure all activities are practical, fun and challenging, giving your children a deeper understanding and life-long knowledge. This term we will be comparing numbers within 5 in lots of different ways. We will be using lots of resources to support us in doing this: fingers, 5 frames, subitising patterns and Numicon to name a few. We will be paying close attention to the composition of numbers to 5.

'Numberblocks' is a great resource to help support your child with maths at home:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>

We will also be comparing mass and capacity and exploring key vocabulary such as full, empty, heavy, narrow, shallow, light and thin to name but a few.

Over the coming weeks we will be discovering 'Our World' where we will be using various books and experiences to bring this learning alive. We are really looking forward to our visit to the countryside, where we will be comparing it to a town and talking about the differences between them. We have lots of exciting visitors coming into school to talk to the children about their jobs and how they help people in our community including a vet, doctor, police officer and nurse to name but a few. We will also be comparing our lives in England to the life of another child in Africa. It doesn't stop there, we will then be looking at our Royal Family where we will be looking at figures from the past and present in a practical fun way. In PE we are exploring dance and moving to music in different ways.



- Reading books, reading diaries, letter sounds etc. need to remain in your child's book bags at all times. While we aim to read with your child on their allocated day, there may be times throughout the week when we would like your child to do some extra practice and it is really important that the books, sounds, etc. are available for us to use. Equally, we may need to correspond with you about any reading practice we have done and therefore need to have the reading record available to use. Your child will make much more progress if we can regularly update words, sounds, etc. and if we can inform you about what your child needs to do next.
- Please remember library books are changed every Friday if the current book is returned. Unfortunately, we will need to charge £5 for lost or damaged books.

- PE/WOW Workshop will continue to take place alternate weeks. We will let you know via Dojo if any changes occur. Please ensure **ALL** your child's uniform is clearly named, this helps us to ensure all belongings go home with their rightful owner.

**Diary Dates:**

- Willows Outdoor Workshop will take place on the alternate Friday/ Thursday with PE.
- Half -term holiday begins on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- Reception maths workshop 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024
- R Wood Mice Trip to the countryside 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- R Hares Trip to the countryside 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- R Deers Trip to the countryside 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- World Book Day – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 ( More information to follow)
- Bikeability week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Thank you for all of your support during the last term and we look forward to your continued support in the coming term.

If you would like to speak to any of the Reception team regarding concerns or worries that you may have please do not hesitate to do so. We are available each morning or afternoon at the beginning and end of the school day or you can make an appointment for longer discussions. Alternatively you can always contact us by dojo or email, a reminder of which are listed below:

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