

## Reception Summer Term Newsletter

Well, where has time gone? It seems only two minutes ago that your children started in reception class at 'The Willows!' We have got a very busy last Summer term planned and have already begun our Explore-Dream-Discover Curriculum, 'Minibeasts' where we started our learning using the text 'Mad about Minibeasts' which helped us to learn all about different types of minibeasts and what they are.

As you already know **Read Write Inc** is the structured phonics programme that we follow. As you would expect, children in reception learn at very different stages and so some children are able to read and write words and/or sentences using the phonics that they know and other children are doing really well with learning new sounds every day. So that we can meet all needs of our wonderful children, they are grouped according to their stage of development. As reiterated in newsletters before, the following website below will continue to help you to support your children with phonics at home: <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parents/>. This webpage reiterates the rhymes that we recently put on dojo to help to improve letter formation and includes 'Fred' games, to practice oral blending in a fun practical way. Your children's phonics teacher may send work home and so the website is also useful in supporting with this.

We use White Rose Maths as a basis for our maths curriculum. This curriculum ensures that your children have the foundation to support them as they progress through school. This term we will be looking at numbers beyond 10, understanding the pattern in the counting system and adding more and taking away. We are also going to look at shape, pattern and positions, using lots of different resources to support us. We will be sharing and grouping and also looking at even and odd numbers, understanding that some quantities can be shared equally into two groups and some cannot. We also continue to use the Numberblocks rhymes to help us to form our numbers beautifully. We have included the website to the Numberblocks episodes as we continue to use them to support and embed the children's understanding.

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

During the Summer term to help us learn all about minibeasts, we are going to be using several different texts including, 'Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell,' 'Superworm,' 'Animal Lifecycles,' 'What the Ladybird Heard' as well as 'Mad about Minibeasts.' We will be exploring lots of different things to do with minibeasts with a very 'understanding the world' focus. This will include creating their very own lifecycles, designing their very own shell for Norman and writing about their favourite minibeast. This term is going to be a very busy one as there are lots of memorable occasions taking place as well as preparing your children to transition to year one. We have our sports day which will be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June, starting at 9.30am, as well as our final trip (dates to be confirmed) that will round off an amazing year! On the trip your children will take part in two workshops centred all around minibeasts, 'Fantastic Frogs' and 'Beautiful Butterflies.'

It has been wonderful to see your children develop over this last year and we look forward to an exciting, memorable last term with them.

- 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.
- Reminder- please continue to read with your child at least 5 times a week as it makes such a difference to their progress.

- 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 with PE.
- School opens for children for the Summer term – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April
- Children finish for half term – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May
- Children return to school after half term – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June
- Reception Sports Day – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June – 9.30am
- Trip to 'The Wolseley Centre' – dates to be confirmed.
- Children finish for the Summer holidays - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

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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