

WILLOW CLASS AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO THE AUTUMN TERM!

We hope you had a wonderful summer and a huge thank you from all of the EYFS team for the cards and gifts we received at the end of last term.

OUTDOOR CLOTHING

We explore outside in all weathers, so please send children with sun hats and suncream applied, or raincoats and wellies when appropriate. If possible, keeping a named pair of wellies at school is ideal.

SPARE CLOTHES

Please make sure your child has a full set of spare clothes. These can be kept in school and we'll let you know if they need replacing. For children in Reception and Year 1 this can be their P.E kit, but please ensure they have spare underwear.

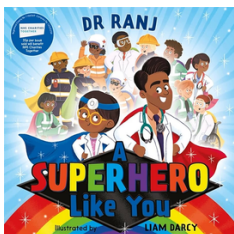
P.E

This term our P.E lessons will be on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Please provide children in Reception with a P.E kit which can stay at school. This should contain jogging bottoms, a white t-shirt and trainers or plimsolls. We ask that Nursery children wear comfortable clothing they can move freely in.

LITERACY

This term our topic is Heroes around us. Through our class books 'A Superhero like You' by CBeebies Dr Ranj Singh and 'Astro girl' by Ken Wilson-Max, we'll be finding out what it means to be a hero and learning about the everyday heroes who keep us safe and healthy. We'll even be meeting some real-life heroes, including the fire service and a midwife!

If you know any heroes, we'd love to invite them in to share their knowledge and experience with the children.



PHONICS

Reception children will soon be starting their phonics learning. We would like to invite Reception parents to a short phonics workshop on %%%%. This will be an opportunity to find out about how phonics is taught, see some of the strategies and resources we use, and learn how you can support your child's reading and phonics learning at home. We hope you can join us!

MATHS

This term Nursery will be exploring making collections as they learn to compare amounts and recognise changes in quantity.

Reception will be working on developing sorting and matching skills. This is an important step towards counting objects accurately.

Year One will be building on their understanding of place value, to develop confidence in addition and subtraction within 10.

SCIENCE

In Science, we will be finding out about ourselves. We will consider how we are similar to, and different from others, discover more about our own 'super senses', and begin to work scientifically as we investigate our sense of hearing.

TOP TIPS FOR STARTING SCHOOL

- Label everything! Biro works brilliantly on labels in clothing.
- Big feelings at bedtime are normal. Children can be exhausted after a day of learning, managing their emotions and navigating school life. Home is their safe space to 'let it all out!' It can be tough on us as parents, but it's really a compliment. You will quickly find what works for your child, snacks, cuddles, quiet time, or movement might help.
- Get into the habit of reading daily. You will have a huge impact on your child's reading and wider development by practicing at home.
- Talk to us. Nothing is too big or too small, if you have any concerns, questions or a 'wow moment', we are always happy to talk.

