



Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Oak and Willow Class

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to send you all a very warm welcome to Year 2. We are ready to share the exciting opportunities that we have to offer throughout the year.

Miss Olvanhill is the class teacher in Oak Class and Miss Cluley is our Teaching Assistant.

Mrs Carter is the class teacher in Willow Class and Miss Norman and Mrs Crawford are the Teaching Assistants.

Our core value this half term is 'Kindness'. The children will be given golden tickets for taking care of each other, showing kindness and demonstrating the qualities of being a good friend. One child from each class with the most golden tickets at the end of the half term will be awarded with a prize.

If at any time you have any questions or concerns, no matter how small, then please talk to your child's class teacher and we will do all that we can to help.

Miss Olvanhill and Mrs Carter

Reading



Reading is so important and we really appreciate your support in listening to your child read every day to help them to become confident, fluent and expressive readers.

Phonics - Little Wandle Letters and Sounds continues to be our phonics scheme. When children bring home a phonics reading book it will be a book that they have already read in class three times. Therefore, they should be confident in reading the words with minimal sounding out necessary. The 'teaching' of reading will be done in school and reading at home should be a celebration of this. Please do not think the books are 'too easy'.

School library visits— Please remember to return your child's school library book on the day that their class visits the school library so that they can swap it for a new one.

Oak Class visit the school library every Friday.



Willow Class visit the school library on a Thursday.



PE



Our topic this half term is 'Fundamental Movement'. PE lessons will be outside this half term so please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for this depending on the weather.

Oak Class has PE on a Tuesday and Willow Class has PE on a Friday.

Year 2 children will receive an additional PE session on a Monday afternoon. Caine Winter who works for Wright Sport Services will lead these sessions.

Please ensure that children are wearing PE kits on these days, that long hair is tied back and that jewellery is removed. Thank you.

Diary Dates



Wednesday 3rd September – Return to school

Tuesday 8th, 15th and 22nd September – Year 2 sports coaching with David Wise

Monday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th September – Year 2 sports coaching with Caine Winter

WC 28th October – National Poetry Week

Monday 5th, 12th and 19th October – Year 2 sports coaching with Caine Winter

Monday 5th October – Year 2 curriculum meeting for parents/carers 4pm

Tuesday 6th October – Year 2 NSPCC workshop

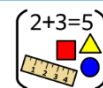
Thursday 22nd October – PTA fancy dress disco 3:45-4:45 EYFS, 5-6pm KS1

Friday 23rd October – End of half term

* We will inform you via Tapestry of any additional diary dates as things are added throughout the half term.

Our Learning Journey;

Maths



We will follow the 'White Rose Maths' Scheme of Learning.

Place value. The children will expand on their existing knowledge as they explore numbers to 20, recognise tens and ones, partition numbers to 100, compare objects and numbers, order objects and numbers and count in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s. They will learn how to use a place value chart, how to write numbers to 100 in words, how to write numbers to 100 in expanded form and how to count in multiples of 3.

Addition and Subtraction. As well as consolidating previous knowledge, the children will learn how to add three 1-digit numbers, how to add and subtract across a 10, and how to add and subtract two 2-digit numbers.

English



Reading: Our theme for this half-term is 'bravery vs fear' and our first text will be 'The Bear Under the Stairs' by Helen Cooper.

We will then move on to 'The Minpins' by Roald Dahl. Children will be encouraged to read for pleasure often at school during their free time. They will read to/with an adult on a 1 to 1 or small group basis to help to build word reading, confidence and fluency. Each class will visit the school library each week where they can access a wide range of books and storytelling resources.

Writing: The children will write letters, retells and their own version narratives in weeks 1-3 and will then move on to writing letters of advice and short news reports. They will write in role, write retells of a familiar story and will create information posters.

Science



We will follow the 'Kapow' Scheme of Learning. This half term, our topic will be 'Living things: Habitats.' The children will consider the life processes that all living things have in common and will classify objects into alive, was once alive or has never been alive. They will name plants and animals in a range of habitats and recognise how living things depend on each other. The children will create food chains to show the sequence that living things eat each other.

Geography



We will follow the 'Kapow' Scheme of Learning and our first focus question will be 'would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?' The children will learn about the basic concept of climate zones and will map out hot and cold places globally. They will look at features in the North and South Poles and Kenya and will compare weather and features in the local area. They will learn the four compass points as well as the names and locations of the continents of our world.

Physical Education



Our focus this half term will be 'Fundamental Movement.' In this unit, pupils will develop the fundamental skills of balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and skipping. They will be asked to observe and recognise improvements for their own and others' skills and identify areas of strength. They will be given the opportunity to work collaboratively with others, taking turns and sharing ideas.

Music



In this unit, pupils learn to sing and perform folk songs from around the British Isles. They will identify features of folk music and explore amongst other musical ingredients: pulse, dynamics, pitch and texture. They will explore dot notation and sing in a round and in parts.

RE



Our enquiry question is 'Why do we need to give thanks?'

We will investigate how people express gratitude by exploring beliefs and practices linked to making offerings.

Computing



Through the use of 'Purple Mash,' children will focus on building simple algorithms to move a screen turtle along routes. They will consider direction and distances and create commands. Children will be introduced to the fundamentals of the internet, including its purpose, how we access it, and how to use it safely and effectively. They will develop the skills needed to search for information online.

Art



Our Art topic this half term is Craft and Design: Map it out. This unit focuses on teaching children to explore and create maps through various art forms, including drawing, felt making, printmaking and designing stained glass. Children will develop skills in sorting, designing, and evaluating art, encouraging children to present and discuss their creations in a class gallery.