

# Autumn One Willow 1

Welcome back to a brand new term. We hope that you had a wonderful summer holiday and that the children are keen to get started on their new learning. This newsletter will inform you about the exciting things that the children will be learning in Willow 1 over the next half term.

## English

We will be using the picture book 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner during our English sessions. This will aid us in developing our inference skills by working out what is happening in the pictures as well as being able to predict what might happen next using clues and evidence.

In our writing, we will be retelling events in order and writing our own sequels to Flotsam. This will include planning, drafting and improving our writing. There will be a focus on using descriptive language, including adverbs and adjectives, as well as learning how to organise our writing in order to be effective.

We are reading...



## Spelling

In year three the children will learn to spell further common exception words and learn new spelling patterns. They will then apply this new knowledge in all areas of the curriculum. We will still be using the Little Wandle spelling that we started in Holly 2.

## Reading

The children will continue on their Little Wandle journey which they started in Holly 2. They will continue to read in small groups and bring home their Little Wandle reading books. We will also visit the library each week so that they can choose a book that interests them. Please read daily at home with your child.

## Science

Our Science topic this half term is 'Forces and Magnets'. We will understand that forces are pushes and pulls and the effect that forces can have on objects. We will be investigating friction on different surfaces. We will be testing different materials to see which ones are magnetic and also finding out about the strength of a magnet.

## Maths

This half-term we will be focusing on place value. The children will be learning:

- Different ways of representing 3 digit numbers
- Counting in multiples of 10, 20, 25, 50 and 100
- Finding 10 and 100 more or less than a given number
- Ordering and comparing numbers up to 1000
- Adding and subtracting 10s and 100s
- Adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers (crossing boundaries)
- Adding a 2 digit number to a 3 digit number
- Subtracting a 2 digit number from a 3 digit number

This will include number and practical problems, which will allow children to learn at greater depth and extend their appreciation of Place Value in Mathematics.





## Geography



We will be learning about the county of Dorset including;

- The counties that border Dorset.
- Locating the counties and major towns on a map and using a map key.
- Identifying the topographical and geographical features of Dorset.
- Comparing the features of different places in Dorset

## Art

In art the children will be learning about the artist Frieda Kahlo. We will be recreating a self-portrait, choosing colours that represent our mood and personality.

## Enrichment and Home learning

Please focus on reading daily with your child and encourage them to take library books home each week.

Library books = Thursday  
Reading books = Friday

## PSHE

The children will be following the PHSE programme of study, Jigsaw. This half term the focus is 'Being me in my World', focusing on understanding their place in the class, school and global community.



## Foundation Subjects

### Music

We will learning about pulse and rhythm, clapping and singing back rhythms as well as playing glockenspiels.

### RE

We will look at Sikhism, and asking, "Does joining the Khalsa make a person a better Sikh?"

### Computing

We will learning how to combine text and images to create a magazine cover.

### Spanish

This half term we will be learning how to say "Hello" and "Goodbye" as well as asking and answering, "How are you?" and "What is your name?" questions. We will be learning to count to ten and to say the names of ten different colours.

## PE

We have PE lessons every Monday and Wednesday so please ensure that your child wears their full PE kit on these days. Please also ensure that their PE kit is **fully named**. This half term in PE we will be focusing on ball skills and fitness.

Children who have recently had their ears pierced should cover them with tape, but once they have healed they must not wear earrings for any PE lessons. Please provide your children with tape and show them how to use it as we are not able to help with this. Please send in a spare set of appropriate clothes and footwear.