



Kirklevington Primary School  
**Willow Newsletter Autumn Term 2022**

Welcome to Willow Class! We hope you have all had a fantastic summer with your families. We are thoroughly looking forward to welcoming the children into our new Reception classroom, watching them settle in and make new friends. We are very excited about the year ahead!

Our topics for this term are:

**'Big Wide World' and 'Marvellous Machines'**



**Communication, Language and Literacy**

This half term, our topic is 'Big wide world'. We will be learning all about our environment, the global community and how living things, communities and climates differ around the world. Every week, we will look at a new story to inspire our play and learning. Some of these stories include: Rumble in the Jungle, Clean Up, Little Turtle and the Sea, Mr Gumpy's Outing, Commotion in the Ocean and All Around the World, (animal kingdom).

Next half term, we will move onto our 'Marvellous machines' topic which will be based on technology that is part of our everyday lives and how machines help us. The children will be given opportunities to build and create their own marvellous machines. Books this half term include, Harry and the Robots, Mrs Armitage on Wheels, Room on the Broom and You Can't Let an Elephant Drive a Digger.

We have begun our daily Little Wandle sessions, where your child will be introduced to Phase 2 and the sounds which letters make (phonemes). They will begin by learning the single letter sounds and learn to read consonant-vowel-consonant (CVC) words such as 'sat' and 'pin'. They will also learn some high frequency words (words that cannot be sounded out phonetically) such as 'the', 'to' and 'go'. Alongside this children are taught phrases to develop correct orientation of letters when forming them, we will send home a list of these phrases later in the term.

Although your child will be taught to read at school, you can have a huge impact on their reading journey by continuing to practise at home. During this half term, your child will be given one of three types of books to bring home. To begin with, they may bring home a sharing book for you to enjoy together, which they will not be able to read on their own. They may bring home a

wordless book for you to look at and discuss together. Encourage your child to talk about the pictures and make up their own stories based on what they can see. When your child is ready, they will bring home a practice book which will be pitched at the correct phonic stage for your child. A practice book will help your child build reading confidence and fluency. Reading books will be changed on a Monday and Thursday, if there is a note from home in their Reading Record stating that the book has been read.

As well as a reading book, when your child is ready, they will be sent home with a Phoneme Frame pack to practise their word building skills. The lists will coincide with their phonics development and include sounds they have learnt in school.

### **Mathematics**

In our Numeracy sessions, we will continue to learn number through our Ten Town scheme, which introduces characters for each number, ie King One, Tommy two, and rhymes to help remember the correct orientation when writing numbers. We will begin by matching, sorting and comparing amounts. We'll then compare sizes, mass and capacity and explore different types of patterns. We'll focus on the numbers 1 - 3, looking at how we count and represent different quantities of amounts. The children will learn the concept of 'one more' and 'one less'. They will learn to represent up to 5 objects on a five frame and look at shapes that have up to four sides. We will talk about night and day, in relation to time, and order key events in our daily routine.

### **Physical Development**

Reception's PE session will take place on a Thursday, in our school hall. Your child will need to leave in school their PE kit which consists of a white t-shirt, blue shorts/jogging bottoms and a pair of suitable shoes (trainers or plimsolls). Children will be expected to change into PE kits with increasing independence throughout the year.

Your child will receive milk (up until they turn five) and a piece of fruit each day. Please could you make sure your child comes to school with a water bottle every day. It is also a good idea to send some spare clothes (such as a pair of socks, pants, trousers and a t-shirt) in case your child has an accident, or gets wet or muddy in our outdoor area.

With the recent sad news of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II we will take time to reflect upon her life and share images and thoughts with Willow class. This will of course be handled in a sensitive manner, if you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the team.

We hope you find this information useful and if you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your support,

*Mrs Stainthorp*  
*Miss Cameron*

