



Kirklevington Primary School
Willow Newsletter Autumn Term 2024

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:
'Me and My Community' and 'Long Ago'
'Marvellous machines' and 'Exploring Autumn'.



Communication, Language and Literacy

This half term, our topic is 'Me and My Community'. The topic teaches children how they are unique and special, the importance of friendship and how people in their family, school and local community are important and can help them. We will be learning about people in the community who help us and keep us safe and share nursery rhymes and traditional stories from long ago. Every week, we will look at a new story to inspire our play and learning. Some of these stories include: Once There Were Giants, What makes Me a Me?, Our Class is a Family, The Tiger Who Came to Tea.

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. **Could we ask that children have a separate book bag for books as they can be damaged in backpacks, please.** Please ask a member of staff if you require a book bag.

Mathematics

In our Numeracy sessions, we will continue to learn number through our Ten Town scheme, which introduces characters for each number, i.e. 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 and days of the week 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. We are also fortunate to have a visiting Yoga teacher who works with children on Monday mornings until Monday 21st October.

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.

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Tapestry Journal

You can access your child's learning journey and send messages through our online Tapestry Journal. If you are not signed up for this or are struggling to log on then please let us know and we will email a link for you to sign up. This is a wonderful way to see photos of your child in school and observe their day to day activities.

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

