



Willow Grove Primary School Curriculum Information for Autumn Term 2

Class: Alder

Department: Forest

<p><u>English</u></p>	<p>In English we will be developing our phonic knowledge, understanding and skills through the Sounds-write scheme of work. This will help your child learn and develop the key skills of reading and writing. Within our English lessons, we have a big focus on reading where all our reading books are in line with our phonic knowledge. We will also be sharing stories with a familiar setting. For this we will be reading traditional stories, such as Hansel and Gretel. Your child will have the opportunity to write their own traditional story.</p>
<p><u>Maths</u></p>	<p>This half term, we will be continuing to investigate place value and our understanding of number. We will be using practical resources, picture images and written numbers to develop confidence and understanding of addition and subtraction. We will also be learning to identify 2D shapes and describe their properties. In addition, we will be carrying out investigations using the skill of measuring length.</p>
<p><u>PSHE</u> Jigsaw – Being me in my world</p>	<p>In PSHE this half term will look at celebrating differences through a number of different games and activities. We will also explore a number of topics such as including others when working and playing, knowing how to help if someone is being bullied and making new friends. We will focus on the British Value of Individual Liberty. We will complete a number of practical activities to deepen our knowledge of these topics. In JIGSAW our topic is 'Celebrating Differences'. I understand these differences make us all special and unique.</p>
<p><u>Theme</u> Food from around the world. Heathy choices Nature Projects</p>	<p>TOPIC – This half term we are going to be learning about Food from around the world. We will look at farming in the UK and learn about the different foods we get from our country. Then we will look at farming around the world and compare the types of crops they grow. We will also be looking at the weather and comparing it both here and in other countries DT – In Design Technology, we will be covering two topics. The first is Healthy Choices. We will be learning about heathy choices and preparing food to eat. Understanding basic hygiene such as washing our hands before preparing food will be included throughout this topic. The second topic is designing and making projects which will help nature and wildlife. This may involve designing and making a bug hotel or a bird house.</p>
<p><u>Science</u> Animals, including humans</p>	<p>In Science we will study 'Animals, including Humans'. We will learn about the life cycle of different animals and understand how the human body grows and changes over time. We will carry out investigations to learn about our senses and understand that it is important to carry out a fair test. By the end of the topic, we will have been introduced to new words such as carnivore, herbivore and omnivore.</p>
<p><u>Computing</u> Digital Photography</p>	<p>Our theme for Computing is Digital Photography. We will take digital photographs and investigate editing our work using a range of tools. You child will decide how their work should be displayed. We will also discuss the importance of asking someone permission to take their photograph. We will also look at how other artists have use digital photography in their work.</p>
<p><u>PE</u> Fundamental skills and movement</p>	<p>Children will develop - understanding of movement and balance along with working with different types of equipment which will help them to develop their physical attributes. Improve skills They will: Move in a variety of ways, travel using a variety of styles and incorporate different equipment to improve confidence in various individual and team games.</p>

Creating games	Experience They will work independently, in pairs and small groups to build their confidence in all aspects of movement. They will then use these skills to create their own games and contribute to creating rules and how their new games can be played
Music	In music we will continue to develop our skills in listening to, composing and performing music. We will listen to a range of different style of music and continue to experiment with both tuned and untuned percussion instruments. This half term we will also be learning Christmas songs which we will all have the opportunity to perform.
RE The Christmas Story	This half term we will be looking at the story of Christmas and what it means to Christians. We will be discussing what gifts might Christians in my town have given Jesus if he had been born here rather than in Bethlehem. We will talk about choosing meaningful gifts or presents for different people in our lives.
Structured Play	Structured play will take place every morning for 30 minutes allowing children a smooth transition into school. The sessions help to improve children's skills in areas such as relationships, rules, boundaries, exploration and social skills. Children can 'play out' their feelings and emotions if required and learn to share a learning space with their peers. Children learn to develop a number of life skills in a safe, playful and less demanding situation.

<p><u>The questions that we will explore are:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does the weather affect what foods are in the shops? • How do animals and humans change over time? • Can our senses play tricks on us? • How am I the same or different from my friends? • Why is it important to listen and follow instructions? What might happen if I don't follow instructions? 	<p><u>You could help your child by:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading stories with them and talking through pictures to gain understanding • Research some of the questions we will be exploring • Asking about your child's day • Allowing children to sound out words they see around in their environments to encourage their reading and phonic skills
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