



Willow Grove Primary School

Curriculum Information for Spring Term 1

Class: Rowan

Department: Forest

<u>English</u>	In English we are looking at stories by the same Author and have chosen the Paddington Bear stories by Micheal Bond. We will be working on becoming more independent with our writing and practicing writing in full sentences. We will continue to work on Sounds Write to increase our knowledge of letters sounds and how to build words for spelling and reading. We have a class book that we are reading together each day this half term to encourage a love pf reading. Please continue to encourage reading at home and share books together for enjoyment.
<u>Maths</u>	Our maths focus is number. We will be practicing strategies for addition and subtraction calculations as well as some multiplication. We will work practically and develop knowledge of mental recall of number bonds.
<u>PSHE</u> Jigsaw	Our Jigsaw topic is Dreams and Goals. We will be talking about our ambitions and how we can stay motivated when we hit challenges and still achieve success. We will think about the feeling involved and how we can manage them. We will learn to celebrate our own success.
<u>Theme</u> Ancient Greece.	In history we will be looking at Ancient Greece. Finding out how people lived and how their lives are similar or different from ours today. Our art topic will compliment this as we design and make a clay pot based on the Ancient Greek style.
<u>Science</u> Forces and magnets	In science we will be finding out about forces and magnets by taking part in various investigations to find out how objects move on different surfaces. We will explore what is attracted to a magnet and whether two magnets will attract or repel each other based on which way the poles are facing.
<u>Computing</u>	We will be looking at some coding using scratch. We will find out what some of the code blocks are and begin to link them together to produce a command that includes using different sounds.
<u>PE-</u> Gymnastics	Children will develop: Their ability to control their bodies. Improve skills Different ways to move their body/travel. Create a sequence and repeat and improve them. Develop understanding and control of muscles within the body to help them create movements. Experience Different ways to move and travel using various equipment.
<u>Music</u>	In music we are learning about beats and the number of syllables in words. We will perform chants and clap out the beats as we sing.
<u>MFL</u>	In Spanish we are learning to count from 0-20 and how to say the names of some colours.
<u>RE</u>	Christianity – we will be thinking about miracles. Exploring what a miracle is and looking at how this links to some of the stories from the Bible.
<u>Structured Play</u>	We will offer play activities to help the children to settle into school each morning and to encourage them to share resources with peers and learn to follow rules and boundaries.

The questions that we will explore are:

- Who were the Ancient Greeks?
- How was their life different to mine?
- What is a force?
- What objects are attracted to magnets?
- Are miracles real or are there other explanations?

You could help your child by:

- Sharing stories at home to read for enjoyment.
- Encourage use of home reading books including looking at and talking about the pictures.
- Talking to your child about their day.
- Having a look at what we are doing on our class Dojo page.