

Reception Newsletter Autumn 2

So the first half term is done and we are delighted how well the children have settled into reception. We've continued their learning journey and look forward to an exciting half term ahead.

Learning

Topic

Our topic is all about colour and seasons. We will be looking at what changes we will see and some of those changes we might not be able to see. We plan to use the outdoor areas and be outside where the changes are already going on around us.



Reading – phonics

Firstly it is great to see so many children bringing their books back to change and be able to talk about them so much. We are going through the sounds and letters that the children need to learn and will continue this. We will soon be finished delivering all the phonics of the alphabet letters and will continue to blend these to make letters into words, words into statements and statements into short sentences.

Writing – mark making

We have also been mark making with patterns, letters and numbers. Children are working their way through the letters of the alphabet that match the phonics being delivered. Later this half term once all letters have been done, we will be grouping them into similar letters to really get our handwriting spot on.

Maths

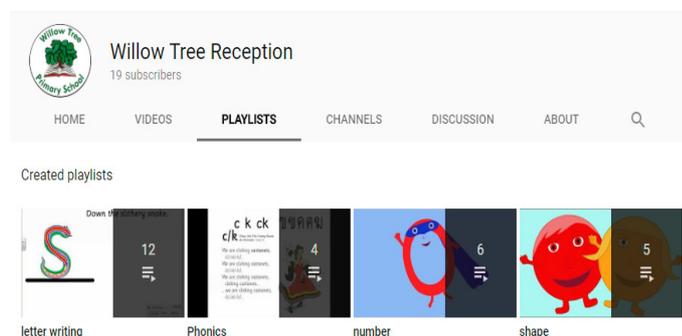
Children have been busy counting and adding in number and have been working with numbers up to 10 mostly. We will be moving to do ordering and starting to add numbers with a total greater than 10.

Creativity

We continue to provide a wide variety and number of areas to develop the children's creativity in painting, craft, performance and construction. While enjoying and choosing these activities they are continually learning skills to move them forward in the activity, but also in the language they use.

Resources.

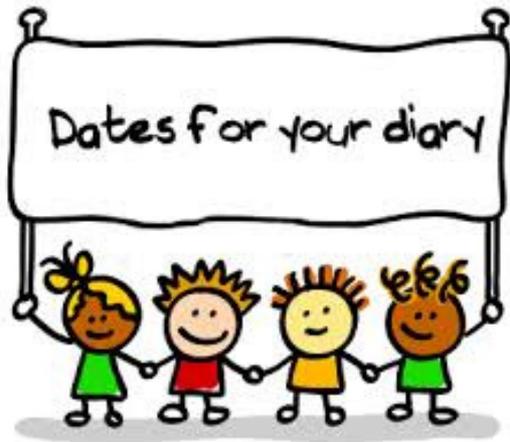
We intend to continue to add resources to our youtube resources and we will send reminders out on the school ping app. Currently we have handwriting, phonics, number and shape playlists.



<http://qrs.ly/6v5wzju>

Sharing

We love it when children come and tell us the amazing things they get up to at home. Do feel you can share anything with us and if you want to send pictures to the class emails, feel free. This email is available to staff during school times and may not be checked every day so a nudge if there is something waiting would be really helpful.



Special events for this half term.

9th November – photographs.
For individuals and siblings.

17th November – Children in need
Further details about fundraising in school to follow.

21st November – Visit from Yorkshire Cricket
Yorkshire Cricket Club will be running tasker sessions on cricket skills for us.

24th November – Learning together 9 – 10am.
The next learning together session is all about reading. You are invited to watch another phonics session and explore the areas with the children. As previously, we will then find a quiet space to give information about reading at Willow Tree and be able to ask any questions you might have.

29th November – PQA drama academy workshop.
We will be joined by one of their tutors to give a workshop which should help us with starting our nativity rehearsals next week

1st December – Christmas
For reception and the rest of school, the festive season starts today. From this date, we will be learning songs and parts ready for the nativity performance on the last day at Christ Church.

8th December – PTFA Christmas Fair
Timings to be confirmed
This is always a great evening and Mr Ryder is hoping the merry go round is here again.

On this day will also ask children to come to school in non-uniform for a small donation for the tombola or raffle.

11th December – Open afternoon 2 – 3pm.
This will focus on expressive arts and design. We will set up many festive craft and art activities for you to share these with your children. A great way to get into the Christmas spirit.

15th December – Christmas jumper Day
Again this year we will be supporting Save the Children with Christmas Jumper day. We will not be taking donations but ask you to donate via the text option.

19th December – Christmas Party for Reception
Children will get further details of what to bring in for this.

22nd December - The Nativity!
Everything for this is provided in school, all that we ask from parents is they come and enjoy this special event.

We would like to thank you again for helping us get everything settled and into routine. The children are already coming in and getting themselves sorted for the day.

Should you have any questions or comments, do speak to any of the team who will do their best to help.

We look forward to a busy half term and seeing you at some of the events that are planned.

The reception team.

Miss Stockwell, Miss Dincsoy and Mr Ryder