



Willow Class Year 1/2



Welcome back!

We hope you all had an amazing summer holiday and managed to catch up with lots of friends and family in the sunshine. Miss Walsgrove, Mrs Kiddell and Miss Jacobs are really looking forward to a fun filled year with the children, kicking off with a topic theme called... 'What A Wonderful World'.

Here's some of the things we will be learning about throughout the first half of the Autumn term...

What A Wonderful World

We will be starting our geographical theme by finding out what we already know and what we would like to find out about people and places around the world. We will talk about any other countries, or holiday destinations closer to home that we may have visited. We will be learning about our local area and comparing it with areas of Australia and other countries in the continent of Oceania.



English

Reading: Reading books will be sent home in the book bags each week. Please ensuring you are reading at home with your child and signing their reading record.

Writing: We will be practicing writing our names, labels, some short captions and simple sentences. In Year 2 we will be extending our writing knowledge and writing more complex sentences. We will have daily handwriting sessions to improve our letter formations and we will be creating our own 'All About Me' books to help Miss Allen and the children get to know each other.

Key Texts: This half term, we will be using the books, 'Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly,' 'The Jolly Postman' when writing a postcard from our local area, 'The Three Little Pigs' during our science topic and some non-fiction books linked to our theme. Of course, we will also be sharing a huge range of picture books and fun stories to really build up the children's love of reading.



Maths

Every day the children will practice their number fluency. This half term we are learning all about place value. Here are some of the things this will include:

- Sorting & ordering
- Counting (forwards & backwards)
- Using a number line & number track
- Writing the numerals correctly
- Finding 'one more' & 'one less' than a number
- Looking at pairs of numbers

We will move on to addition and subtraction (also within 10), solving simple problems, using lots of concrete resources to help us and using our reasoning skills to justify our explanations. To help at home, begin with singing lots of counting songs and practice writing the numbers to ten.



Please log on to Times Tables Rockstars for children to practice their times tables!

Science

We will be looking at a range of different, everyday materials at school and at home!

We will be learning to identify different materials and talk about their properties.



Art

We will be looking at and replicating aboriginal artwork from the past and the more recent artwork of Karen McCafferty. Then we will be producing a self portrait and using the artist, Barbara Walker as our starting point.

Computing

We will be starting our Computing curriculum by finding out what 'technology' is and how to use the basic functions and how to stay safe online.

Music

Music lessons will be provided by the Norfolk Music Hub.

Physical Education

PE is held on Thursdays and Fridays We ask that children continue to arrive in their PE kits.



As much of our learning takes place outdoors, we politely request that a named pair of wellies and a waterproof coat are **always** in school. Forest Schools sessions will take place on Thursdays.

Please bring your child's bookbag (containing their reading book and record), water bottle (with fresh **water** daily), a lunch box if required and a warm, waterproof coat every day. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you! :)