

Literacy

Our text this half term is 'Little Red' by Bethan Woollvin. An exciting, gruesome even, retell of the traditional tale. Children will revisit their story writing skills, writing an adventure tale to share. We focus on correct letter formation and writing all the sounds we can hear in each word in order, as well as tricky 'red' words which we learn by memory.

PE & Forest School PE will take place on Tuesdays. Children will learn 'champion movements' to familiar nursery rhymes.

Forest school will take place each Friday so please send your child to school in black leggings/joggers, white t-shirt and school jumper/cardigan. Children should bring with them a pair of welly boots (or old trainers if you don't have wellies) in a plastic bag. They should arrive at school in trainers or school shoes so they have something clean to wear inside the classroom.

Understanding The World

During the second part of Spring Term we will be focusing on our local community and the immediate world around us. If you or your family/friends have lived in the area for a long time, perhaps, 20 years or more, please get in touch. We would love for the children to learn about our community from the people who have lived here and experienced it themselves.

Phonics

Phonics will continue to be delivered in short sessions daily that will focus on a new sound each day. At this stage in the year we would expect children to be reading phrases and simple sentences, known in our phonics programme as 'Ditties', before short stories. Links will be sent on class dojo to short reading homework videos on the virtual classroom.

Reception ~ Willow Class

**Miss McIntosh, Ms Martin, Miss McLaughlin
& Miss Bromilow**
Spring 2 2024

Reading

Please read with your child each night for 10 minutes, and make a note on this in their reading record. Reading books are changed twice a week, please read books more than once to allow for fluency and understanding to build. Reading homework videos linked to phonics will take about 5 minutes each (2-3 times a week ideally) and can be added to reading records towards 50 reads.

Mathematics

Over this half term we will cover the following units - counting to 9 & 10, comparing numbers to 10, bonds to 10, 3-D shapes & more complex patterns. Please use the links on our website to ICT Maths games and the White Rose Maths 1 minute maths app. Both are free and excellent quality resources to support your child's maths skills through fun, engaging games.

Events

During Spring term we will invite parents in to see learning journeys. We will be celebrating World Book Day with 'The Oaks Loves Books' theme. Keep a look out on class dojo for updates as always.

Spring Two's top tip ~

Celebrate mistakes! Getting it wrong is the best way to learn how to get it right. Allow children to make (safe) mistakes so they can work out solutions and problem solve. Then stand back and watch their confidence grow!