



Willow Class Nursery Newsletter

Issue 5



Term 5!!!

This term is going to fly by as it is 6 weeks long and we will definitely pack it full of lots of fun learning opportunities! We will be focusing on number recognition and formation, shapes, colours and letter sound recognition.

We will also start thinking about transition activities for those who will be starting Reception in September.

As the weather (hopefully) gets better please send your child to school with a named sun hat for when we play outside. Warm weather often means sandals, could I please ask for children to wear closed toe shoes and not sandals or crocs to avoid tripping and other injuries.

FOR CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026, PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL ACCOUNTS (POSSIBLY JUNK FOLDER) TO SEE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL PLACE OFFER. YOU WILL NEED TO RESPOND TO THE OFFER. IF YOU NEED ANY HELP PLEASE ASK.

Our topic this term...

This term our topic is **CREEPY CRAWLIES**. The children will be learning about how things change from mixing colours to growing plants and seeing change over time. We will explore the life cycle of a butterfly and learn all about how they change from a tiny caterpillar into a beautiful butterfly! Finally we will be exploring numbers and shapes.

Our topic will also give us the opportunity to look at how our season is changing to Summer so please take the opportunity to talk to your child about the different signs of Summer you might see when you are out and about.

Books to look out for...

- *Non-fiction books about plants*
- *The bad tempered ladybird by Eric Carle*
- *The very greedy bee by Steve Smallman*
- *The very hungry caterpillar by Eric Carle*
- *What the ladybird heard by Julia Donaldson*
- *Mix It Up by Herve Tullet*

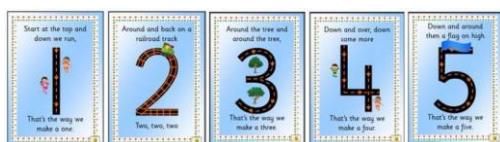
Forest School

Forest School this term will continue to run on **Tuesday afternoons** for the remainder of this term.

Forest School will then change to **adhoc mornings and afternoons** for term 6 to ensure everyone has had a turn.

Number rhymes

We will learning to recognise and form our numbers. To help us we will be learning a rhyme for each number. A copy of these rhymes will be put in your child's drawer for them to take home and practise in the coming weeks.



Getting ready for school

For those children who will be moving into Reception in September we are going to be beginning our transition process this term. We will be having a big push of independent name writing, number recognition and writing. We will be encouraging independent self-care including; putting coats/jumpers/shoes on by ourselves and wiping our own bottoms. We will also be going to the lunch hall to eat our packed lunches.

I will put a selection of school reading books into a basket for those of you who would like to start reading with your child at home in preparation for school. The books have no words so we ask that you encourage your child to talk about the pictures to develop their story language and to make up a story using the pictures.

Please return the books to the basket once you have read them with your child and select another one.

Reminders:

- Could every child bring a water bottle (named) with them to each session they attend.
- If your child is ill or will not be attending nursery please email willow@benson.oxon.sch.uk or call the main school office to let us know ☺
- Please return any clothing, underwear or shoes borrowed from us.
- Children are not permitted to play on the Early Years equipment (Nursery garden and big garden) before or after school for health and safety reasons.

Important Dates

Monday 4th May – Bank holiday school closed

Friday 22nd May-End of term @ 3.15pm

Tuesday 2nd June- Start of Term 6

