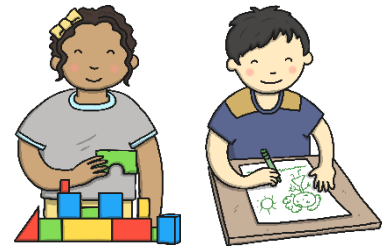




Willow Class Nursery Newsletter

Issue 1



Start of a new school year!

Welcome back to those children returning to us after the summer break and welcome to our new children joining us this year! Myself and the team have been so impressed with how well the children are beginning to settle! We have hit the ground running and the children are exploring and playing in the nursery environment together.

Communication:

This is Issue 1 of the Willow Class Newsletter. You will receive a newsletter from me at the start of every term outlining what are topic is, if there are any changes to our routines such as Forest School and letting you know any key dates. As we all know things change all the time so I will email through the class address **willow@benson.oxon.sch.uk** with any information. Please contact the class email address if you need to discuss any issues, if your child is not going to be in school for any reason and if someone different is picking your child up. The class email is monitored during working hours, 8.30am-5pm, and I will get back to as soon as possible.

There is also a class webpage which will have photos of our learning, home learning activities and copies of newsletters and letters on it.

Tapestry

Tapestry is our online personalised learning journey for your child and a communication tool for me to share our learning such as book of the week and sound of the week. You will have received a letter containing the information you need about this resource. There is a permission form to complete and return to me by **Friday 19th September**. Once I have received your permission form I will be able to put you on the system and you will be able to create a login to access your child's learning. For children who were in Nursery last academic year, your login details remain the same.

Parent meeting:

This year I would like to meet parents earlier than the whole school parents evening, week beginning **Monday 29th September**, to discuss how your child has settled in Willow Class. This will be a 10minute face to face meeting in the classroom. You will receive a separate email from our online booking system for you to book a day and time that suits you.

PLEASE NOTE THAT I (MRS FANSTONE) WILL BE ATTENDING THE YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL FROM 23-26TH SEPTEMBER AND WILL NOT BE IN CLASS. I WILL BE CONTACTABLE VIA THE CLASS EMAIL. INFORMATION ABOUT COVER TO FOLLOW.

Our topic this term...

This term our topic is **WHO AM I?** We will be talking about ourselves, our bodies, our families and our new class. We will also be reading the book 'Owl Babies' which tells the story of 3 baby owls who's mummy leaves them to go hunting for a short time but returns soon after. This story helps us to talk about and understand that our mummy's, daddy's, carers, etc will always come back to get us. We will also be learning songs relating to our bodies such as head, shoulders, knees and toes. We have noticed already that lots of our friends really like vehicles so we will be reading lots of stories about trains, diggers and cars.

Our topic will then move on to look at how our season is changing from summer to autumn.

Books linked to our topic...

- *Owl Babies by Martin Waddell*
- *Little Acorn by Melanie Joyce*
- *Percy the Park Keeper by Nick Butterworth*
- *Little Raindrop by Melanie Joyce*
- *Pumpkin soup by Helen Cooper*
- *Non-fiction books about our bodies*

Things to know...

Toilet Accidents Forms

The form will let you know if your child has had a toilet accident whilst with us that day. It is an easy way of us letting you know what has happened, especially if we do not get the chance to talk to you.

Wellies

As the weather is beginning to turn I appreciate that your child may travel to school in their wellies. Please could I ask that they change into a pair of shoes when they get to Nursery or have a pair in their bag to change into, as it is easier for them to move around the indoor environment and sit on the carpet.

Milk

If your child likes cold milk please sign them up to receive a carton of milk whilst at Nursery www.coolmilk.co.uk . Please only select the days in which they attend Nursery.

Five to Thrive

This is a whole school initiative which has been introduced this year. It is to encourage everyone to be ready to learn as best they can.

Forest School

We will be starting Forest School on Friday **26th September** in the **morning**. It will then run every Friday morning until part way through next term. We will change our Forest School day to ensure that every child has a turn over the school year.

Forest School takes place in the bark area next to our small garden.

If your child attends nursery on a **Friday morning** they will need to come to school dressed in a long sleeved top and jogging bottoms. They will also need either waterproof coat, wellies and hat and gloves for when it is cold. These sessions are lead by Mrs Harris our Forest School leader.

If you have any questions then please do ask.

I will be slowly introducing this to the Nursery children so lookout for our *Five to Thrive* posters around the school site.

Children's trays

Each child in Nursery has a tray with their name on outside the pick-up door. We will pop any pictures/paintings/models in there for them to take home.

Please check your child's tray regularly and take home whatever is in it.

Reminders:

- Please ensure your child has a spare set of clothes on their peg.
- Could every child bring a water bottle (named) with them to each session they attend.
- If your child comes to school in wellies please put a pair of shoes in their bag to change into.
- If your child is ill or will not be attending nursery please call the main school office to let us know or email the class address willow@benson.oxon.sch.uk 😊

Important Dates

Friday 24th October - End of term 1 @ 3.15pm school closed for all children including Nursery.

Tuesday 4th November – Term 2 starts

