



Willows class termly curriculum information – Summer 2018

Dear Parents,

Our topic this term will be looking at Mini Beasts, and summer time.

Our staff are Mrs Adshead and Miss Sharpe.

Willows Wednesday walks will be on the 2nd May, 16th May, 7th June, 13th June, 27th June, July 11th and 18th July . If you are able to help on any of those dates please email the office or Mrs Adshead as soon as possible. We will now be leaving at 14:00 and will aim to be back by 15:00.

We look forward to seeing you at our Friday morning reading sessions between 8:50 till 9:20. You are welcome to stay for as much of the session as you can, please don't feel that you have to stay for the whole session. Younger siblings are more than welcome to come and listen to the stories.

Come and speak to us if you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning.



Our school values

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April – honesty
May – thoughtfulness
June – responsibility
July – unity

Communication and language

We will be encouraging children to tell us what they know about mini beasts and their habitats, we have already had some interesting bug stories!

We will be encouraging the children to talk about how we look after our environment and the animals that live there.

If you have any unusual pets at home and would like to share them with the class, we would love to see them!

Our role play area is going to start off as a mini beast museum. It will evolve with the children's interest as the term progresses.

As the children learn new words associated with the topics we will be encouraging the children to use these words to extend their vocabularies.

Physical development

We will be encouraging the children to develop their upper body strength by climbing and swinging in our outdoor area. They will also have the opportunity to do some digging developing their core strength.

The children will be doing a PE session with an outside provider practicing their ball skills and athletic ability in preparation for sports day. Please ensure that your child has trainers in school so that they can take part.

The Willows walks will continue and we may even have a picnic towards the end of the term!

It is important that the children continue to develop their fine motor skills in preparation for year 1 so we will be using tweezers and lots of pots with lids when we are on our mini beast hunts.

Personal, social and emotional development

In PSHE sessions and assemblies, the children will be exploring our monthly values. During the term, the children will be recapping school rules and expectations. The children will be encouraged to think about looking after others. We will be getting stick insect eggs that we hope will develop into our class pet! All the children are very excited and we will be learning about the responsibility of looking after and handling delicate animals.

The children are continually encouraged to listen to each other and take turns in talking through circle games and sharing experiences.

After half term, the children will be taking part in our annual Food Revolution Week.

Dream – Believe – Succeed

Literacy

The children will be looking at a selection of books relating to summer, caring for animals and mini beasts. The children will be sequencing and recalling events from within these stories as well as making up some of our own stories.

The children will be encouraged to write about what they are doing in and out of school, aiding the development of vocabulary and writing skills.

All children will continue focusing on their letter formation and recognition of corresponding sounds. Both of these are important skills that the children need to master in order to achieve the early learning goals.

We will continue to play lots of sound games to develop the children's reading and word recognition.

Please continue to read the books that are being sent home. It is important that the children read and understand what it is they are reading before being moved to the next reading band.

Homelearning

Mathletics subscriptions are now free for all children in school. To access Mathletics at home, please download the app from google play or the app store. On computers Mathletics is available at uk.mathletics.com.

Please ensure that your child brings their book bag and reading book in every day.

Emailed homework to
nadshead@stpaulswalden.Herts.sch.uk

Mathematics

The children will continue with their counting and number recognition, exploring different quantities and recording their work in a range of ways.

We will use our topic as an opportunity to look at graphs and have a go at making our own bar charts.

We will be comparing the different mini beasts to help us look at speed, distance and length.

It will also give us the opportunity to explore different types of data collection and charts.

In preparation for year 1, the children will be challenged to tell us what they know about different digits and terminology used in mathematics. This will start to develop the children's reasoning skills and hopefully they will come up with some interesting questions that they want to find the answers to.

It is vital that all children can write and recognise the digits to at least 20 so we be grateful of any practice that you are able to do at home to support your child's learning.

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Understanding the world

We will be looking at different habitats that are in our garden area and why different animals choose to live there. Children will get the opportunity to explore basic life cycles and they will be encouraged to write about what they know.

Having a museum will enable the children to think about why some animals become extinct and what things we find in museums.

We will make our own boats so that we can explore floating and sinking this term.

We will then expand this according to what the children want to learn about.

Expressive arts and design

In music the children will get the chance to play a range of percussion instruments and we look forward to them telling us and showing us what they can do.

We will learn some songs related to animals and the summer.

The children will be able to design and make their own boats testing them out and seeing if they stay afloat.

We are going to make some mini beasts of our own using different materials, experimenting with what works best.

The children have lots of their own ideas and we look forward to seeing where these ideas take our learning this half term.