

In the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) we plan our teaching alongside the children's interests. If the class is really interested and engaged in a particular topic or an activity spurs them on to want to find out more, we try and adapt our teaching and what we are doing to match their enthusiasm. Although these are some possible activities, please be aware that we may not cover them all, and may go off in another direction at some point!

## Areas of Learning in the EYFS

Communication and Language

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Physical Development

Literacy

Mathematics

Expressive arts and Design

Understanding the World

### Communication and Language

We will continue to learn stories and songs off by heart, using props and actions, including some Makaton signs. We will also be having a Makaton 'Sign of the Week'.

We will listen and respond to each other in discussions and try to express our ideas as clearly as possible

Our topics will be:  
**SPACE**      **VEHICLES**  
**LUNAR NEW YEAR**

### Physical Development

Our PE lessons (Mondays and Wednesdays) will be gymnastics skills, including learning to negotiate space and equipment as well as Dance.

We will be preparing the garden for Spring which will involve using our fine and gross motor skills, such as digging, lifting and moving.

In our Physical Friday sessions, we will be focusing on our Fine motor skills such as cutting, drawing. The correct pencil control for writing letters and numbers, will also be a focus.

### Literacy

For our Talk for Writing work in Literacy our texts will be **Whatever Next!** And **How to Catch a Star**. We will learn these stories off by heart using actions and do lots of retelling and actions them out. We will innovate parts of these stories by inventing our own characters to create our own stories.

We will also be basing our learning about **Cleversticks** and **Mr Wolf's Pancakes**. In Phonics, we will be learning new digraphs and trigraphs and practising all the sounds we already know. We will read and write labels and captions and practise our blending and segmenting skills. We will read simple sentences and develop our sight vocabulary by learning lots of new *tricky words*.



# Willow Class Spring 2024



### Personal, Social, Emotional, Development

We will continue to develop **independence** and **perseverance**. We will learn how to keep ourselves fit and healthy, including hygiene and keeping our teeth clean.

#### Our Jigsaw PSHE lessons:

Dreams and Goals  
Healthy Me

### Expressive arts and Design

Charanga music programme

Designing and building vehicles  
Singing in a 'round'.

Role play, playing instruments and dressing up and small world play

Following instruction to create different crafts using a rang of materials.

### Mathematics

Our maths learning will be based around books and stories

**Alive in Five:** Introducing Zero, Comparing Numbers to 5, Composition of numbers to 5, Compare Mass and capacity

**Growing 6,7,8** - 6, 7 & 8, Making pairs, Combining two groups, Length and height

**Building 9 & 10**—9 & 10, Comparing numbers to 10, Number bonds to 10, 3D shape, Patterns

### Understanding the World

RE: Celebrations—How do people celebrate?

Easter -What is Easter?

Lunar New Year

We will be learning all about SPACE and thinking about our PLANET and where we live. We will learn about space exploration and think about different vehicles. We will design our own vehicles, too.