

Willow Class Spring Term 1 – Parent Information

Frozen Planet



Physical Development.

Through our PE sessions we will be looking at developing our ball skills. We will be practicing rolling, throwing, bouncing, kicking and aiming for targets. We will be learning to support others and to work co-operatively.

We will also be continuing to develop and strengthening our fine motor muscles. We will continue to strengthen our finger muscles to ensure we are strong enough to have good control and pressure when writing or drawing. We will develop our cutting skills by cutting in straight and curved lines.

During this half term we are learning all about the weather, changing states and the seasons (with a particular focus on winter). We will be looking at snow and ice and the changes that the seasons bring.

Communication and Language

We will be learning to develop our vocabulary and language by retelling familiar stories using story language. We will continue to share and ask questions during circle times, talking about events in the children's lives and the lives of their families.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our personal development will be encouraged through circle times and everyday conflict resolution. We will be focussing on resilience and perseverance, talking about how everyone makes mistakes and it means they are learning. We will be talking about working towards a goal and the perseverance that this needs.

At home

At home you can help prepare your child for this topic by talking about the weather each morning before school and looking for signs of winter. Continue to share stories and talk about the characters and your favourite or least favourite parts. You could look at numbers up to 8, find numbers in the environment or find different ways to compose each number.

You could play football together!

Literacy

We will be sharing a range of stories this half term, with a particular winter focus. Children will be encouraged to sequence and retell these stories using story language.

We will continue with our work in Phonics, learning new sounds and applying our phonics knowledge to read simple sentences and write simple words.

Mathematics

Reception will be looking at numbers up to 8 this half term. They will be exploring the composition of each number and comparing amounts.

We will also begin to look at simple addition number problems.

We will also continue our work on length, height and mass, looking at measuring and comparing.

Religious Education

We will be exploring the question "Why is the word "God" so important to Christians? We will be talking about our amazing world and all the things that we find interesting in it. We will be learning about the Creation Story and why and how Christians praise God.

Understanding the World

We will be learning all about ice and snow and how it changes state. We will be investigating the best way to get ice to melt.

We will also be looking at the seasons and the affect that they have on the weather. We will be going on a winter walk to find similarities and differences from our Autumn walk. We will be charting the weather each day and also have our very own weather station role play!

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be continuing to develop our drawing skills by drawing with increasing detail and complexity, for example drawing people with different emotions. We will be exploring printing and painting with natural objects and creating wash backgrounds in the style of Joan Miro. We will continue to explore different types of paint and materials.

We will be reading...

