

Willow & Walnut Reception



Our topic will focus on our families and friends.



We will also be doing some work on 'Celebrations' after half term.

Please teach your child the **letter sounds** not just the names of them. *There are lots of good websites for teaching 'Phonics' (letter sounds) www.google.co.uk/#q=youtube+jolly+phonics+in+order on YouTube is good as well as the website 'phonics play'.*

The Reception curriculum focuses on...

Finding out and exploring, having their own ideas, making links and choosing ways to do things.

They will do this through these areas:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Making relationships, Self-confidence and self-awareness. Managing feelings and behaviour.
Physical Development	Moving and handling. Health and self-care.
Communication & Language	Listening & attention. Understanding and speaking.
Literacy	Reading rhymes, stories and information books. Writing for a variety of purposes.
Mathematics	Reading, writing and ordering numbers to 20. Adding and taking away. 2D and 3D shapes, size, pattern and measure.
Understanding the World	People, communities, the world and technology.
Expressive Arts & Design	Exploring and using media and materials. Being imaginative.



Homework

Your child will get 2 reading books on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Reading should take 5-10 minutes every day and may be done with an older sibling. Please sign your child's reading log book to show the homework has been done every week.

They will also take home a key task and maths game on a Friday to be returned the following Friday.



Please send in any photos that you may have of your child at home

e.g. making cakes, on trips, at their grandparents, reading with family or friends and anything that might relate to the curriculum (*You can email me any photos or I can colour photocopy them to save your printer ink*). They will all count towards your child's level at the end of the year as evidence for what they can do.

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Ways to help your child at home:

Read: not just books but words around your home and when you are out and about.

Play games: counting numbers on dice, going up and down steps, board games etc. **Ask** your child to read door numbers, bus numbers etc. Recognise money: the value on them and discuss which is the biggest, smallest etc to develop vocabulary?

Practising writing: write anything, shopping lists, Christmas cards etc. Your child should be able to write their own name forming the letters correctly.

Use the computer: I love CBBC. We use lots of the songs and stories on here. I am sure you will find lots more fantastic sites...

PE:

Your child needs to leave a PE kit in school which is labelled with their name including their plimsolls. Your child is expected to be able to change their own clothes with just a little help needed with buttons and shoe laces. Please practice at home as lots of time is often wasted getting everyone changed for PE.

Mrs Jones, Miss Stevens and the Early Years team would like to welcome you to Reception We are very excited about the new academic year and look forward to working with you to ensure your child gets the best education. Please come and see us if you have any questions or concerns.