

### PE Days

Fox and Hedgehog class will have PE **every Wednesday afternoon** when they will be taught by our sports coach, Richard. After half term it will move to **every Tuesday afternoon** when they will be taught by their class teacher. **Children must come to school wearing their PE kit on these days.** PE kit should be a plain white t-shirt, black shorts or track suit bottoms and plimsolls/trainers. Please make sure all of your child's clothes are named.

### Homework

We encourage daily mathematics practice on [www.mathletics.co.uk](http://www.mathletics.co.uk) as well as an expectation that children read to an adult every day. The Mathletics passwords will be stuck into your child's yellow reading record folder. Please remember to sign your child's reading record at least **3 times a week**. Spelling homework is given out every Friday and there will be a spelling test on Tuesday afternoons the following week.

### Reading

Reading is one of the most important skills for your child to learn. It is **essential** that they read to an adult for 15 minutes **every day**. As always we encourage parents to continue reading to their children at home as this is an important tool for your child to help them access all areas of their learning. We will be checking the reading diaries weekly.

### Reading Tips

- encourage your child to sound out words
- ask your child questions about the book
- check your child's understanding of vocabulary

### Trips

We would love to start going on school trips again, but we are planning to start with local trips first. We will be in touch if /when we arrange a trip in the local area.

### Year 2 Team

**Ms Clunis, Ms Jehal, Ms Price and Ms Ahwe  
Rita and Miriam**



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**September 2021**

**Year 2**



**Fox Class**

**Hedgehog Class**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the beginning of a new school year at the Willow Primary School. We hope you and your children had a fantastic summer break.

This letter will give you an overview of the learning that will be going on in your child's class in the different curriculum areas this term. On the back page is some useful information about PE days, homework and so on.

Please arrange an appointment to speak to us if you have any worries or questions at all.

We are really excited about the year ahead and hope you and your child are too!

**Ms Clunis, Ms Nasseem, Ms Ahwe & Ms Price.**

# Autumn 2021

## English

This term in reading we will be focusing on phonics and in writing we will be recapping core skills taught in year 1. English sessions will be linked with the geography and science topics where possible. This term we will be covering the following Literacy units - Narrative: Stories with Familiar Settings, Narrative: Stories by the same author. In Year 2 we will also continue with Big Writing with a focus on descriptive writing and punctuation.

## Maths

We will be covering a wide range of topics including place value, addition and subtraction, money, multiplication and division. It is an expectation for children to practice their maths skills regularly at [www.mathletics.co.uk](http://www.mathletics.co.uk). Please ask your class teacher if you have not received your Mathletics log-in information as yet. The usernames and passwords should be the same as last year. Homework tasks will be set weekly (as well as some extra termly homework tasks).

## Science

In the first half term we will be learning about **Living things and their Habitats**. We will be looking at living and non-living things, classifying living things into animals and plants as well as getting to know some habitats and simple food chains. We will be exploring different habitats in the school including; visiting Fox Forest and looking in the school pond.

In the second half term we will study **Uses of Everyday Materials**. We will be carrying out lots of scientific investigations and children will be learning how to plan a fair test.

Scientific enquiry and questioning will be the main focus of each lesson.

## Geography

This term our topic is **'Our World'**. Children will find out about living environments and look closely at familiar places. It is closely linked to our Science topic of Habitats and we will also try to link it as much as possible with our written work in English sessions. The children will be given opportunities to use a variety of artistic techniques. They will also be learning about the locations of the world's seven continents and five oceans. The National Curriculum requires us to teach your children about the UK (it's four countries, capital cities and surrounding seas).

## Computing

During the first week of this term, the children will be learning about e-safety and how to use the internet sensibly and responsibly. They will be learning about digital trails/footprints, cyberbullying, using key words to search and staying safe online. As usual, for half the term your child will be taught by our Computing specialist and after half term lessons will continue with the class teacher. There will be a range of skills explored through the areas of: Computer Science, Information Technology and Digital Literacy. We will also be using Google Classroom to set homework tasks.

## Personal, Social, Emotional Health (PSE)

Year 2 will be learning about **Feelings and Emotions**. We will discuss what makes us angry and how to deal with anger when we do not get our own way. We will also learn about what happens when we get angry and destroy our own or others property. Your child will take part in Circle Time. These sessions are a crucial part of your child's personal, social and emotional learning in school.

## Religious Education (RE)

This Autumn Term we will be looking at **Judaism** "Where do we belong?". Children will be learning about the basic beliefs of the religion in preparation for a proposed school trip to the Jewish Museum during the Spring Term.

We will also have a brief look at the history and celebration of Diwali during the celebration of this festival.