



# Little Willows Termly Newsletter

## Autumn 1 – 2021-2022

Starts Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Sep 2021 ends 22<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2021



Dear Parents/carers,

I want to officially welcome you to our new **Little Willows** Class. Our class will be a mixed-aged class of Reception and Year 1 children, who will be learning through play during most part of the day.

We hope you all had the opportunity to relax during the summer break and that all the children are now ready to start a new and memorable stage in their lives.

This year our Learning assistant is Mrs White, who is also very excited to welcome you back. We both look forward to working you and your children and we can't wait to start seeing them grow and make progress.

### Autumn Topic

Our first topic this year will be "Me and My

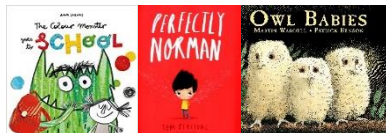


Community" This project supports children with settling into the new rules and routines of school and encourages them to make new friends and feel

confident in their class. It teaches children about being helpful, kind and thoughtful at home and at school. This project also teaches children how they are unique and special and how people in their family, school and local community are important and can help them. They will explore the school grounds and find out about all the people in school who are there to help them.

To support this term's learning, we will be reading 'The Colour Monster Goes to School' by Anna LLenas; 'Perfectly Norman' by Tom Percival; and 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell.

You can find copies of these books in our local library.



provides practical activities in an outdoor environment. During the forest school sessions, children explore the natural world in all seasons and in all weathers, with the **exception** of high winds, storms, excessive showers or other extreme weather conditions.

For these sessions, children will be required to come to school wearing forest school clothes. This means old clothes that will keep children warm and in which they can get muddy! Children can bring a pair of wellies in a bag and they can leave them in school for the whole term (if this is easier for you) but please write their name in them. Our first session will start on week 3 (22<sup>nd</sup> Sep).

**Book bags** - During the first week of school,



Children will be given a new reading record and a story book to share with you after school or at bed time. Once children start to read, they will also

bring home a separate book to practise their reading. From week 3, we will aim to change Book Bags at least once week. This can happen on any day of the week, for this reason book bags need to be brought into school every day. We hope you can share the book with you child and write about this experience, including children's comments/progress, in their **reading record**.

### Important Information



As some of you know, your children will be taking part in weekly Forest School sessions, which we will be calling '**Welly Wednesday**'. Forest School is an educational approach to outdoor play which

**Physical Education (PE)** - This first term our PE lessons will be on **Mondays** afternoon. **For Year 1 the lesson will start on: 13<sup>th</sup> September.**



**For Reception children, they will start on week 3 - 20<sup>th</sup> Sep.**

During this first term, children should come to school wearing PE clothes. In the colder days, children can wear navy blue or black tracksuit or jogging bottoms in order to be warm. For safety reasons NO jewellery is allowed to be worn other than plain stud earrings.



**Resources contribution** - We will continue to ask for a contribution of **£1**. As you know, this donation is used to provide your child with resources that have to be replaced frequently, for example: **play-dough, cooking ingredients, sensory materials like foam, gloop, gel, Welly Wednesday snack, etc.** In addition, this helps with the maintenance of our class pet 'Rosie'.

**Water bottles** - Children will have to bring a water bottle every day. Unfortunately, we are not allowed to keep them in school for the moment. They will have to go home every day to be properly washed.



### **IMPORTANT**

**Paperwork** - Please ensure that all your paperwork is up to date with the school office. All the permission forms must be filled and signed, and we must be informed if your child suffers from any allergies, asthma or any other condition.



### **Dojo**

Our aim is to keep in continuous communication with you. To facilitate this, we encourage you to keep your Dojo connected and check the updates regularly. Additionally, we invite you to check our class



### **Important Dates for Reception Children**



#### **Settling in period**

@ **Week 1** - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September all children start at **8.45am**  
**Reception** children finish at 11:50am (Before lunch).

**Year 1** children finish at 2.50

@ **Week 2** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>, all children start at - 8.45 AM and

**Reception children** finish at 1.00 PM (After lunch).

**Year 1** children finish at 3.00 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>; Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Sep.

**Reception Children** finish at 13:30 PM after lunch and afternoon activity/story.

**Year 1** children finish at 3.00 as normal.

@ **Week 3** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September **all Children stay all day!**

Day STARTS - 8.45 AM and ends at 3.00 PM.

Reception children start PE and Welly Wednesday on week 3.

**Year 1** children start PE on week 2 and Welly Wednesday on week 3

page on the website to see what we have been up!

If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to discuss with me, please message me on Dojo or book an appointment at the school office. Thank you for your support, and have an enjoyable first term! **Mrs Perez**

