



Little Willows Termly Newsletter

Spring 1 - 2022

Starts Tuesday 4.01.2022 - Ends 18.02.2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school. We hope you all managed to have an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas season. We wish you a very happy 2022 and we hope this year brings us all a brighter future.

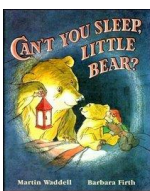
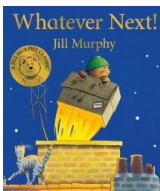
Our Termly Projects



During this term we will be exploring interesting themes that are also closely linked. Night, dark, and winter. With this projects called 'Starry Night' and 'Winter Wonderland', our children will have the opportunity to explore the differences in the world at night compared to during the day, and they will link their learning to the changes they can observe happening during the winter, like having darker and shorter days.

Our story books were carefully chosen to **drive this topic** and enthuse children to find out about things that might happen in the night. It was chosen, amongst other reasons, as a vehicle to explore a common fear of, for some children, the dark.

Key stories



We will start the term reading 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. With this book, children will be discussing bedtime routines and imagining what would it be like to fly to the moon and back before bed! We will then, in week 3, move to read the story 'Can you Sleep Little Bear?' by Martin Waddle. In this loving story of a sleepless night in the bear cave, Big Bear sets out with all his patience and understanding to show Little Bear that the dark is nothing to be afraid of. We will finish the Term with the books 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers to find out about friendship and cold places, and 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket, a book about a boy and his journey to meet the dark, and find out why it will never bother him again.

Important Reminders

Book bags - We aim to change Book Bags once a 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 your child, explore unknown vocabulary and record this experience, including children's comments/progress, in their yellow reading record. Please **DO NOT** ask your child to read the words in it. Once they are ready, we will send a separate book for this.

Homework - Read - Read - Read plenty of stories to your child. In addition, children will continue to have a daily phonics video and a weekly activity to complete on Oxford Owl.

Big Willows (Year 1s) will have extra activities to complete and the weekly spellings

Physical Education (PE) - our PE lessons will continue to be on **Mondays**.

For safety reasons **NO** jewellery is allowed to be worn other than plain stud earrings.

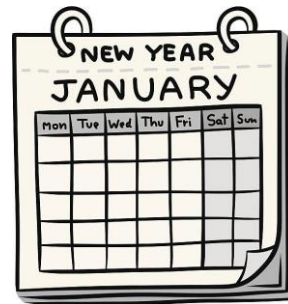
Welly Wednesday sessions - Just to remind you that the children are finding it difficult to sit on the carpet wearing wellies, so please bring their wellies in a bag.

Resources Contribution - 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.



Important Dates



Working in partnership with parents/carers.

We recognise that children learn and develop well when there is a strong partnership between staff and parents and/or carers. For this, we would like to invite you again to join us for a Welly Wednesday session on Wednesday afternoons or on a Thursday morning for a cooking activity. Just let us know the day that suits you best. In addition, we are looking for parents who would like to come and read to the children once a week preferably Tuesday or Thursday after 1.30pm. Again, just let us know when best suit you so we can make the arrangements.

Dojo and Website

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



- 📍 First Welly Wednesday 12th January
- 📍 Valentine Disco 15th February
- 📍 Board game and Biscuit morning. Parents invited/ more information close to the date.
- 📍 Term ends 18th February

Thank you for your support and have an enjoyable first term,

Willow team 😊

Mrs Perez