# **Reception Newsletter – Term 3**



# Willow:

Mon – Fri: Mrs Challoner, Thur: Mrs Chapman TAs: Mrs Underwood, Miss Richmond and Miss Powling



# Magnolia:

Mon – Thurs: Mrs Matthews Thurs and Fri: Mrs Quaglia TAs: Mrs Underwood, Miss Richmond and Miss Powling

# Journeys

#### English

In **English,** we will be reading the book 'Let's All Creep Through Crocodile Creek', and continuing to use our phonic knowledge to write and blend sounds. Some of the children will be moving on to write simple phrases. Children will listen to and talk about the story building familiarity and understanding. They will then describe events in the story and familiarise themselves with new vocabulary.

#### <u>Maths</u>

In **Maths**, we will be continuing our focus on numbers to 5, comparing these and talking about smaller numbers that make up bigger numbers (composition of number). For example, 5 is made up of 4 and 1 more. We will use the language 'more', 'less' and 'fewer' to compare these numbers and use maths resources to represent them.

#### Phonics and Reading

Please try to read every day with your child and write in the reading record diary. Books can be changed daily providing a parent has heard their child read and written in the reading contact book.

In Phonics, we are beginning to learn phase 3 graphemes but we will continue to practise phase 2 alongside. Children also continue to practise CVC blending and segmentation in this phase and will apply their knowledge of blending and segmenting to reading and spelling simple words, captions and sentences. They will learn to read some more tricky words and also begin to learn to spell some of these words.

# <u>RE</u>

In RE, we will be continuing our learning on Christianity with our key Question 'What do Christians believe is special about Jesus and the message he brings?' Our lessons will focus on stories found in the New Testament

#### Term 3 Christian Value Compassion

'Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.' Colossians 3:12

# PSED

This term, the theme is 'Keeping Safe'. We will be learning how to keep our bodies safe, when we should have medicine for example, safety indoors and outdoors and people who help me keep safe.

## Understanding the World

We will focus on special journeys and where they go on their special Journeys. We also look at camouflage, habitats and facts about the different animals from our English books.

# PE

Willow – Monday am

Magnolia – Wednesday am

Please send your child into school wearing their PE kit and school jumper. Please no other sports hoodies or t-shirts as this is not part of our school uniform policy. If you are not sure what colour t-shirt your child should be wearing, please ask a member of the EYFS team.

## Music

This term, we will continue to learn songs and actions to them.

## Forest School

Magnolia Class: Thurs 9th January, Thurs 23rd January, Thurs 6th February.

Willow Class: Thurs 16th January, Thurs 30th January, Thurs 13th February

Please ensure that your child has the correct Forest School clothing and that they have Wellington boots in school.

> Please make sure your child brings in their reading record and reading book **EVERYDAY** They need a named drink bottle in school at all times. This should contain only **water**. Please make sure your child has a named coat and a pair of wellies in school. (Wellies to stay in school)