



Willow Class Newsletter Autumn 2024

Ashfield Primary School

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Welcome to Willow class! The children have made an **AMAZING** start to the new school year. They have settled into the new routines brilliantly - well done Year 2. Year 2 marks the end of Key Stage 1 or infants. It is an important transition year and towards the end of the school year, we will be preparing the children for their journey into Key Stage 2.

Waterbottles: Please make sure that your child is sent to school with a water bottle that has been filled at home. The children drink a lot of water (especially at break times) and we make sure that the bottles are refilled - in case you're wondering why your child's bottle looks nearly full at the end of the day! We have a number of identical bottles in Willow so please make sure that your child's bottle has a name label.

PE

Our PE days this half term are **Monday** and **Thursday**. We expect all children to wear the correct PE uniform: a white short sleeved t-shirt, black or navy shorts or joggers, black trainers.

PE kits can be left in school on your child's peg so please provide a strong bag (preferably a drawstring bag). We will send kits home at the end of each half term to be washed.

Reading Books

Please bring book bags to school **every day** so a member of staff can update your child's reading record. We change books every **Friday**. Please don't forget to initial and date your child's reading record when you have heard him/her read. The children are very excited about the prizes they can earn for reading 3 times or more a week!

A more detail letter about homework was sent home on Friday in your child's book bag.

Other equipment

Please encourage your child to bring only the things that they really need to school. We have a very small cloakroom with very little space between in each peg. This will make it easier for the children to hang their jumpers and coats up instead of letting them drop on the floor! ☺ We recommend labelling all belongings (PE items, coats and jumpers). Lost property can be reunited with its owner if there is a name in it. We do have a lost property box in the reception area of the school for clothing and equipment that is not collected.

Curriculum Information

In English we are:

- Consolidating phonic knowledge
- Developing our reading comprehension skills
- Reading with fluency and expression
- Spelling the Key Stage 1 common exception words accurately

Our Write Stuff topic work involves writing:

- A recount of our Forest School Experience on the Chevin
- Instructions for a hedgehog café
- A fable
- A diary

Our Class Books are:

- The Hodgeheg
- The Enchanted Wood
- Vlad the Flea
- The Great Fire of London
- The Crow's Tale

In Maths we are learning about:

Number and place value

- Identifying 1 more/less of any number up to 100
- Count in steps of 2, 3, 5, 10 from any number (forwards and backwards)
- Finding the place value of each digit of a number with tens and units
- Comparing and order numbers from 0-100 using <, > and =
- Recognising odd and even numbers
- Number bonds to 20

Addition and Subtraction

- Adding and subtracting a 2 digit and a 1 digit number mentally and by using apparatus
- Adding and subtracting a tens from a 2 digit number mentally and by using apparatus
- Adding and subtracting three 1 digit numbers mentally and by using apparatus
- Understanding that addition can be completed in any order but subtraction cannot
- Understanding that subtraction is the opposite to addition and can use this to check work

Multiplication and division

- Learning 2, 5 and 10 times tables fluently
- Learning division facts for 2, 5 and 10 times tables
- Answering questions involving multiplication and division mentally and by using apparatus

Science - Every Day Materials

ICT - IT around us, Making Music, E-Safety

History - The Great Fire of London

Geography - The Seven Continents

RE - Making good choices, How and Why do People Pray?

PE - Multi-skills (outside) Gymnastics (inside)

Music - Hands, Feet and Heart and Ho, Ho, Ho

PSHCE - Family and Relationships, Health and Well-being

Art - Sketching (Great Fire of London)

DT - A Christmas Pouch

Dates for your diary:

Thursday	12 th September	Footloose dance workshops
Friday	13 th September	Meet the teacher (all classes)
Monday	16 th September	Race horse visit to school
Tuesday	17 th September	3:30 Friends of Ashfield - staffroom
Saturday	21 st September	Community Clear Up Day - wild life area 10:00 - 1:00
Sunday	29 th September	World Rivers Day
Thursday	3 rd October	Individual photo day
Friday	4 th October	Harvest Festival 2pm
Monday	7 th October	Judo Y1-Y6
Thursday	10 th October	World Mental Health Day
Thursday	17 th October	Friends of Ashfield fancy dress disco 4:15-5:15 EY & KS1 and 5:30-6:30 KS2
W/B Monday	28 th Oct - 1 st Nov	Half Term
W/B Monday	11 th November	Anti Bullying week
Wednesday	13 th November	Parent Carer Consultation
W/B Monday	13 th November	Otley science festival
Friday	15 th November	Children in Need
Saturday	16 th November	Otley science fair @ The Courthouse
W/B Monday	18 th November	SEND Week
Tuesday	17 th December	Christingle at Church KS1 lead 2pm
Thursday	19 th December	Friends of Ashfield Christmas disco 4:15-5:15 EY & KS1, 5:30-6:30 KS2
Ws/B Monday	23 rd Dec -3 rd Jan	Christmas Holidays

