

WILLOW CLASS

Curriculum Information

SPRING 2

We have an exciting topic for the children this term "Could it be magic". We have kicked off with the hatching of a baby dragon and will hopefully meet some fairies and witches on the way. This topic will hopefully stir their imaginations and help to develop their language and vocabulary. We will have lots of opportunity for role play, writing and using our problem solving skills.

IMPORTANT DATES

Parents evening - Week beginning 4/3/24

Nursery open evenings (If you know any parents who are looking for a nursery - , 26.3.24

Break up for Easter 28.3.24

Return to school - 15.4.24

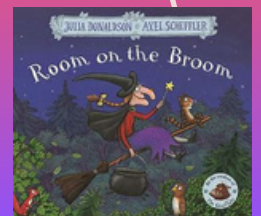
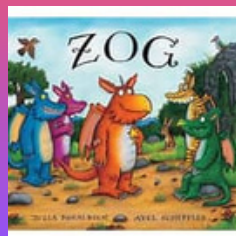
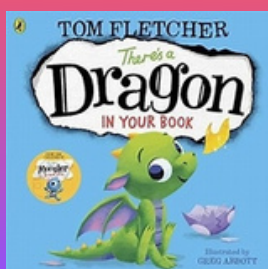
Visit to Bluebells farm - More information to follow - 9.5.24

REMINDERS

PLEASE READ WITH YOUR CHILD EVERYDAY. YOU CAN ALTERNATE BETWEEN THEIR BOOK, HARDER TO READ AND SPELL WORDS OR PLAY ONE OF THE READING GAMES.



BOOKS WE WILL BE READING



LITERACY



We will be continuing to review the sounds we have learnt in phonics and applying it to our reading and writing. The children will be using these skills more in provision doing daily challenges where they have to read their instructions and complete a written task. We will be developing our descriptive language through role playing and lots of visual activities. We will also be mastering our rhyming skills through potion making.

It is really important that the children read everyday at home so they can become fluent readers. Follow these steps to help with fluency.

1. Encourage your child to sound out the words and then blend together.
2. Repeat the sentence they have read saying the whole word not sounding out.
3. Repeat sentence adding in expression.



MATHEMATICS

We will be using lots of practical maths this term. In the first two weeks we will be focusing on length, looking at longer/taller and shorter. We will be using different ways of measuring and comparing lengths of objects. Next we will be learning the days of the week. We refer to our class calendar everyday but still need lots of practice learning the order of the days and talking about which day comes before and after. The children's counting skills are really progressing and we will be challenging them by counting beyond 20.

WEBSITES AND VIDEOS TO WATCH

[Phonicsbloom.com](https://www.phonicsbloom.com) – Great phonics games to play at home. Select phase 3 games.

[Days of the week song](#) – The children love this song and it helps them remember the order of the days

[Tips to help with language development](#) – This NHS website gives some great ideas and research about children language development.

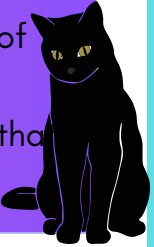
[CBeebies Podcasts](#) – Have a listen to some of these great podcasts.



COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

This term the children have been assessed in their language development through a programme called "Wellcom". This is an individual assessment where they are asked a series of question and small tasks to complete to assess their understanding and communication skills. The results will be discussed at parents evening with ideas of how you can help your child at home.

This term is all about getting the children to use language in a creative way with lots of opportunities to describe what they can see and what they are doing. There will be different activities to encourage role play and ask question to the magical creatures that come to visit.



PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

In P.E this term we will be moving to music and creating our own Magic dance. We will be representing different magical creatres through movement and putting it together to create a story.

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We will be reading the story of The Grumpy Fairies and talking about our school value "To be respectful". We will be discussing the different ways we can be respectful at school, home and in the community.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

As we approach spring we will be looking at this beautiful time of year and how new life is happening around us. The children will be planting some seeds and learning how we look after them and help them grow.

We will also be looking at castles and how they are an important part of our magic topic.

EXPRESIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

The children willll be creating their own dragons from a description they have written about them. They will think carefully about what colours, shapes and resources they need to use to do this.

Through our potion making we will be learning about colour mixing and will be creating castles in our construction and creative area.

