

# CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

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Year One



Welcome to the Summer 1 edition of the Year 1 Willow newsletter. You will find lots of information about the curriculum, how to help your child at home and any other notes. If you have any questions, please ask the class teacher.

Our current learning journey is: **What do I know about the UK?**

## Curriculum outline

**Reading:** This half term, we are continuing to use Read, Write Inc to learn sounds and blend them together to read decodable words. The focus for this half term is Set 3 sounds. We will also be sharing a selection of stories and giving our opinions on them.

**Writing:** This half term, children are writing narratives based on 'Grandad's Island'. We will use the transcription approach to build up the story before writing their own. We will also be writing fact files about plants and describing enchanted woodlands.

**Maths:** This half term's maths focus multiplication and division. Children will use equipment and pictorial representations to count in 2s, 5s and 10s and make equal groups. Once this is secure, children will be introduced to halves and quarters.

**Science:** The children will be learning about plants. The children will be looking at wild and garden flowers, the parts of a plant and deciduous and evergreen trees. We will also look at seasonal changes that occur in Spring.

**Art:** This half term we will be focusing on the abstract art of Caroline Ashwood. The children will explore the art style through observation, experimentation, creation and evaluation. This topic will link into science and art surrounding flowers and plants.

**Geography:** Children will learn about the countries that make up the UK. They will use maps to identify and name the countries and their capital cities. We will delve deeper into the significant buildings in these countries.

## Helping your child at home

To support your child at home, you could:

- Listen to them read each night and record this in their planner
- Support and encourage them to complete the set maths activity.
- Watch the phonic videos sent home for your child's colour group.
- Practise reading the real and nonsense words sent home.
- Encourage counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s, 4s as a challenge.

## Notes

- 13<sup>th</sup> April– Return to school
- 28<sup>th</sup> April 2:15pm KS1 Coffee Afternoon
- 4<sup>th</sup> May – School closed for May Day Bank Holiday
- 21<sup>st</sup> May – Stay and art
- 19<sup>th</sup> May – Outdoor Curriculum Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May – School closes for half term

