

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

MALTBY REDWOOD

Year One



Welcome to the Autumn 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: **Who is the greatest history maker?**

Curriculum outline

Reading: This half term, we are using Read, Write Inc to learn all of our sounds and blend them together to read decodable words. Some groups will also be reading nonsense (or alien) words. They will also be sharing a selection of stories and giving our opinions on them.

Writing: This half term, writing is based on stories with a space theme such as 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers and 'Whatever Next!' By Jill Murphy. There will be a significant focus on letter formation linking to the Read Write Inc sounds,

Maths: This half terms maths focus is place value and addition. Children will use equipment and pictorial representations to understand the value of digits up to 10. When this is secure, children will begin to use a range of concrete and pictorial representations to add together single digits.

Science: The children will be learning about materials. They will be finding out what materials they see and use every day and investigating the properties of these different materials. They will also make observations about the Autumn season.

Art: Throughout the half term, the children will learn about the artist Ryan King and will explore pencil drawings linking to space.

History: Children will learn about Neil Armstrong and Helen Sharman and how they are significant in history.

Helping your child at home

To support your child at home, you could:

- Listen to your child read their Read Write inc book each night and record this in their planner.
- Each week, read the reading for pleasure book and record in their planner and don't forget to enjoy a bedtime story together!
- Watch the phonic videos sent home each week for your child's colour group.
- Homework will be sent out each week on a **Wednesday** and will be returned the following **Tuesday** focussing on basic skills.



Key dates

17th September- school individual photos

22nd September- Democracy day

W/c5th October- cycle to school week

4th- 16th October- Scholastic book fair

14th Oct- Stay and Space 2.30pm (parents/carers invited)

W/c 19th October- Redwood Literacy Festival

INSET - 23rd October

PE days are **Wednesday and Friday**. Please ensure that full PE kit including trainers are in school on these days.

Your child will need their book bag and water bottle in school every day.

