



## **Willows class termly curriculum information – Autumn 2019**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The school follows the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, which allows the children to learn by playing in, exploring and questioning their environment.

Our main topic this term will be 'All About Me' which will not only help us get to know your children but will provide them with opportunities to start their learning journey within the school. Our class teacher, Mrs Foster, will be working closely with Mrs Smith every day to support and encourage each child to demonstrate their existing skills and find ways to further improve in all areas.

We shall be introducing a national pilot scheme: Reception Baseline Assessment, which enables us to provide a snapshot of where pupils are when they arrive at school. Please speak to staff if you would like further details. Come and speak to us if you have any general worries, concerns or questions regarding your child's learning and development or would like any further information about the school.

### **Communication and language**

Children will be given the chance to speak in a range of situations, with activities and experiences that will broaden their vocabulary. Their own confidence will increase as they express themselves and develop their own language skills within the classroom and wider environment.

### **Physical development**

There will be continual opportunities for children to develop control of their own movement and coordination, using both fine and gross motor skills. This means from working on their pencil grip to jumping and balancing. They will also learn about the importance of healthy lifestyles, which will include diet and physical exercise.

### **Personal, social & emotional development**

The children will form positive relationships in the classroom and learn to respect each other as they play and learn. As their social skills develop, they will be encouraged to manage their own feelings and behaviour. They will learn the importance of turn taking and sharing, and know when to ask for support.

### **Literacy**

A love of books and reading will be encouraged which will then help children to start linking sounds and letters together to make sense of a range of texts and help them with their own reading and writing.

### **Mathematics**

Children will develop and improve their skills in counting, understanding and using numbers. They will begin to solve simple problems involving addition and subtraction. They will also learn to describe shapes, spaces and measures.

### **Understanding the World**

Children will be making sense of their community and the wider physical world. By exploring, observing, questioning and using a range of materials and equipment, they will find out about people and places, the environment and uses of different technology.

### **Expressive Arts and design**

Children will learn to explore and experiment with a wide range of materials and media. By offering opportunities involving music, movement, dance, technology, art and design and role play, they will gain confidence in sharing and communicating their ideas, thoughts and feelings.

### **OFSTED Parent View**

To give your views about our school, please log on to complete the OFSTED Parent View questionnaire. Please register at <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>.

**Our school value for this term is 'Making Choices'**