



# Willow classroom news!

Welcome to Year one! We are very excited about the year ahead and have some exciting learning planned. Mrs Slater will teach the class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Darling will teach the class on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Mawson will also be helping in our class. If you wish to discuss anything, please speak to us after school. Many thanks.zzx

## What we are learning...

**Topic:** We will start the academic term with a whole school topic on **Roald Dahl** to celebrate his birthday. Our class book is **Charlie and the chocolate factory**. We will be writing a character description about Willy Wonka and designing and making our own sweet wrapper for Willy's factory. We will then move onto our topic- **This is me!** We will focus on labelling parts of our body and use senses. In History and Geography we will look at our own history and journey to school. In English we will use the book 'Bog Baby' by Jean Willis. We will use our geography and mapping skills to locate Bog baby and make a home for him. We will also use the story 'Funnybones' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg to learn all about our body.

### Phonics:

We are going to re-cap **phase 3 sounds** and include these within **phase 4 blends**. For example, starfish- st (blend) ar (sound/digraph). Our spelling focus will be to learn some of the Yr1 **common exception words** and to spell the **days of the week** correctly.

### Maths:

**Place value:** We will look at naming, ordering, making and using numbers up to 50.

**Addition and Subtraction:** Use our knowledge on place value to add and subtract numbers up to 20. We will use counters and number lines to support us and begin to look at number facts to 5 and 10. We will then use this knowledge to solve problems involving addition and subtraction.



## Our values

Our school values are thankfulness, respect, perseverance and forgiveness. This term we are focusing our learning on **thankfulness** and **respect**.

## Dates for your diary...

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September:** Roald Dahl exhibition 1.30-3.30pm

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September:** Individual class photos

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September:** Come and see Willow's classroom. Let your child show you around their new classroom.

**W/C 14<sup>th</sup> October:** Forest Schools pm

**W/C 21<sup>st</sup> October:** Whole school topic week on Hinduism and Diwali.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October:** School closes for half term.

## Reminders...

We will do P.E on a **Thursday** morning Please make sure your child has a full labelled kit. White T-shirt, red shorts and black pumps.

Please make sure that your child has a **water bottle** in school every day.

We have a class teddy called **Billy Badger**. He will go home every Friday with a member of our class and needs to be returned on Wednesday morning.

**Reading** is highly important and with our updated system we are wanting your child to read as much as possible at home. When your child has read at home please write in their planner. When your child finishes their book please remind them before school to put it in the reading basket box so that this can be changed.

**Homework** will be given out to the children on a Friday. This will consist of a Maths and phonics activity.