Autumn One – Willow Class

Willow Class Teaching Team: Mrs Lindley and Miss Withnell

Class routines:

Reading books

Reading books will be changed on a **Wednesday** night and sent out on a Thursday. Your child needs to bring their reading book to school every day. Please sign and make a comment in your child's reading record after reading.

Water bottles/coats/bags

Please send your child in with a water bottle, coat and reading bag each day (even if it does look sunny). We do not need huge ruck-sacks, we simply do not have the space for these. We do have fruit available for each child for a morning snack or a healthy snack (no nuts) can be sent in from home.

Uniform

Please see the website for what uniform needs to be worn. **PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S NAME IS IN IT!** This way if it gets lost, it will be returned to your child and avoid any upset. It is your child's responsibility to remember them, but we will encourage children to keep cardigans/jumpers in their drawer if they are not wearing them.

History:

This half-term we will be exploring flight! We will learn all about how planes have changed over time and what effect this has had on our holiday choices. We will explore how the Wright Brothers began this rapid technological change and how this led to Neil Armstrong flying to the moon. We will learn how to order events in chronological order and predict what might happen in the future.

English:

This half term we will be looking at stories from the same author – Julia Donaldson. Usually, her books are a great hit with children and we will specifically be looking at a story involving a very mischievous rat and retelling his adventures!

Religious Education:

The focus religion this half term will be Judaism. We will start by looking at Judaism, where we will find out about the Jewish festival 'Sukkot' as well as reading and retelling the story of Noah's Ark.

Science:

Our Science topic will be – materials! We will be identifying the names and properties of different materials. We will become building inspectors, ensuring our school has used materials that are suitable for its purpose (hopefully so).

PE:

This half-term our PE day is **Wednesday** and our focus is on creative games specifically looking at creating their own games using equipment with others.

Computing:

We will be exploring the functions of Purple Mash before moving on to creating pictures. By the end of this unit children will be able to create a digital art piece in different artistic styles.

Mathematics:

We will be consolidating the knowledge learnt in Reception working with numbers to twenty and will move onto counting within one hundred. We will learn to count in tens.

Music:

This half-term we will learn two new songs from memory and play instruments to match a beat.

Art

We will be looking at abstract art, exploring different landscape paintings by Kandinsky. We will be developing our line skills and looking at how to mix primary colours to create secondary colours.