

Willaston Pre-school Newsletter Spring 2 2022

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At Willaston Pre-school, we believe that children have a right to expect a curriculum which is fun, motivating, interesting and most importantly purposeful. We strive to develop imagination through a stimulating, creative environment where every child has the opportunity to shine. Above all we strive to develop a modern, fun curriculum that will inspire and challenge all learners and prepare them for the future.

Welcome to Spring 1 Newsletter. Our focus will be growing. The children will have the opportunity to grow different vegetables and flowers, watch changes in plants as they grow, and bring home something they have planted.

Literacy and Communication we will be focusing on:

- We will continue to develop our love of reading by sharing stories chosen by the children.
- We will be having fun with sounds and continuing our phonics.
- There will be a fantastic story week for world book day. Every day this week there will be a story told using props, drama and children participation!
- We will talk about plants growing and have our own garden centre

In Maths we will be focusing on:

- We will be using numbers during play and working on individual achievements such as increasing the numbers we are familiar with and gaining an understanding of the value of these numbers.
- There will be lots of opportunities for using shapes and to build with construction, make pictures and learn some 2 & 3d shapes.

In Expressive Art and Design we will be focusing on:

- What fun we will making resources to tell our rhymes
- Exploring colour change by using plants to dye.
- There will be opportunities for us to paint, make collages and draw parts of the rhymes

In Understanding of the World we will be focusing on:

- We will show an interest in our environment and having weekly explorer days.
- We will continue learning outdoors and using natural materials whenever possible.
- There will be different seeds to plant, look after and watch grow

In Personal, Social and Emotional Development we will be focusing on:

- We will learn to share our ideas with other children when playing and listen to our friends.
- There will be lots of opportunities to explore nature in our garden and the park, so we will be working on following instructions and staying safe outside our setting
- We have new children who we are starting to make friends with.

In Physical Development we will be focusing on:

- We gain confidence in moving on a range of levels in our visits to the park.
- We will continue to develop our fine motor skills and pencil control.
- We will be working on getting our waterproofs on!

Book focus- Week 1- Jack and the beanstalk- what a plant needs to grow if you don't have magic beans!

Story week- Each day there will be an exciting story told by a different person.

Week 2- Enormous turnip- Talking about size and shape

Week 3- Planting a rainbow- growing our own flowers and vegetables

Week 4- Christopher Nibbles- seed dispersal, role play cafe

Week 5- Oliver's fruit salad- trying new fruits, printing

Other useful information

- Diaries and reading books to be returned daily please.
- Children need clothing suitable for the weather– we love to learn outside.
- Please label clothes, water bottles and lunch boxes with your child's name.
- During this term we are going to choose a day a week to be an outdoor explorer; during this day we will adopt a "learning through nature style of curriculum"
- We introduce your children to new vocabulary from the books of the week- you can find the new words on the window of Pre-school.
- After Easter we will be offering a hot meal at lunchtime- please email Debbie or speak to your key worker if you are interested.
- We break up on 1st April and start back on 19th April. From 19/04/22 we will be open from 7.30am until 5:30pm so if you need longer hours please email Debbie. It is our intention to provide flexible hours to suit all families.

Here are some ideas for you to do with your child to help to develop the skills we are learning in class:

- Point out numbers in the environment; car number plates, door numbers, signs etc.
- Share Nursery Rhymes that you enjoyed as a child. We will be teaching new rhymes and giving the children the chance to share rhymes that they know.
- Talk to your children about their food, what do we eat that is good for us and keeps us healthy?
- Talk to your children about plants and trees growing and changing- look for leaves and blossom, encourage your child to use their senses to explore the plants in your garden (make sure you make it clear that some plants are good to eat and some are not)
- Give them opportunities to mark make; this could be painting with water on tiles, using sticks to make patterns in sand, pencils, felt tips, chalks to name but a few.
- Don't forget you have a list of pre-reading skills to help make the most of story time.
- It's important and fun to share a range of books and have lots of experience with information books and fiction. Check your child understands most of the text so the story or information is accessible for your child.

Safeguarding- Take a look at the NSPCC website to keep your children safe online <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>