

# Willaston Pre-school Newsletter Autumn 2 2024

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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 Autumn 2 Newsletter. This year we are looking at artists and authors. Our focus this half term will be Hans Christian Anderson. The children will have the opportunity to listen to traditional tales, learn new songs, make some Christmas crafts, perform a winter story and many more fun activities.**

<p><b>Literacy and Communication we will be focusing on:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will continue to develop our love of reading by sharing stories chosen by the children.</li> <li>We will be having fun with sounds and continuing our phonics.</li> <li>There will be a different story every week and rhymes to sing. Children will hear at least 2 stories a day.</li> <li>There will be lots of new vocabulary from the new experiences we have.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Maths we will be focusing on:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will be using numbers during play and working on understanding the value of numbers 1-5.</li> <li>There will be lots of opportunities for using shapes and to build with construction, make pictures and learn some 2 &amp; 3d shapes.</li> <li>We will be counting for lots of different purposes and recognising numbers.</li> <li>Sorting according to size</li> </ul>
<p><b>In Expressive Art and Design we will be focusing on:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acting out traditional stories</li> <li>Learning lots of new songs and a dance</li> <li>Performing a winter tale of Little Jo.</li> <li>Making Christmas festive crafts</li> </ul>	<p><b>In Understanding of the World we will be focusing on:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will show an interest in our environment and having weekly explorer days.</li> <li>We will continue learning outdoors and using natural materials whenever possible.</li> <li>Learning about Scandinavian countries.</li> </ul>
<p><b>In Personal, Social and Emotional Development we will be focusing on:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will learn to share our ideas with other children when playing and listen to our friends.</li> <li>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</li> <li>We will try lots of new activities and visiting Richmond Village.</li> </ul>	<p><b>In Physical Development we will be focusing on:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We gain confidence in moving on a range of levels in our visits to the park.</li> <li>We will continue to develop our fine motor skills and pencil control.</li> <li>We will be moving like fireworks</li> <li>We will be learning a new dance</li> <li>We will be playing lots of party games</li> <li>Making Christmas crafts</li> </ul>

**Week 1-** Diwali and bonfire night- dancing like fireworks and talking about our experiences.

**Week 2-** The Ugly Duckling– 5 little ducks

**Week 3-** Thumbelina – Hickory dickory dock

**Week 4-** Princess and the pea - Singing in the rain [Singing in the Rain Song](#) [Original Kids Version](#) [Kid Songs by The Learning Station & Dream English](#)

**Week 5-** The Little Mermaid & Festive/ Winter stories

**Week 6-** The little tin soldier& Festive/ Winter stories. Little Jo performance 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am, 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 6pm

**Week 7-** The Snow Queen- 5 little snowmen. Christmas Party Wed 18<sup>th</sup> 9:45am-11:15 (Santa 10:45am)

## 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. If ordering Stikine labels (easy labelling from a Nantwich company at <https://www.stikins.co.uk/>), please use fundraising code 35315 as the company donates 30% to us.
- 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" 4 weeks out of the term.
- 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.
- Tapestry observations out on week 3 and week before the last week of each term.
- Committee AGM 8pm Thur 14 Nov at pre-school – all welcome.
- Little Jo Winter's play-11<sup>th</sup> Dec- 6pm 13<sup>th</sup> Dec- 10am (Richmond performance to be arranged)
- Christmas Party 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 9:45- 11:30
- Break up Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec and return 6<sup>th</sup> Jan
- We have a selection of uniform available to buy: polo shirts - £11, sweatshirts - £15
- For other online transactions (particularly Christmas shopping), Easyfundraising also donates to pre-school. Register at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/willastonpresch>. See our fundraising page for other ideas <https://www.willastonpre-school.org.uk/fundraising/>

## 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.
- Try to limit the use of dummies/pacifiers to bed time to help language development.
- Talk to your children about plants and trees growing and changing- look for leaves changing colour and seeds, 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.
- You are welcome to chat to Jacqueline, Caryl or your key worker about your child at the beginning or end of a session or to make an appointment.

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