

Carnforth Christ Church C of E Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter



Welcome to the Summer edition of the Curriculum News. We hope that you will find it useful and informative. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions regarding the curriculum this term.



This term in Willow Class our topic is '**What a wonderful world!**'

Through this topic we will enjoy travelling all around the world looking at all the different continents and how they are different and similar. We will also spend time learning about minibeasts and our galaxy.

Our **literacy** lessons will focus on writing sentences as we write fact files, descriptions and simple narratives. We will also further develop our acting and re-telling of stories. We will move on to phase four phonics where we will begin to segment and blend longer words with adjacent consonants. Later in the term we will introduce phase 5 alternative pronunciations for graphemes as well as reading more high frequency and tricky common exception words.

In **maths** we will concentrate on using numbers up to 10 and beyond including writing, counting forwards and backwards and how this links to addition and subtraction. We will learn how to share and group numbers, solve problems involving capacity and mass, spot patterns and develop our map skills. We will look carefully at shapes to spot shapes within shapes.

Our **outdoor sessions** will allow us to have a look at the minibeasts in our grounds, planting vegetables and flowers, spot signs of spring and use natural materials to make pictures.

RE lessons this half term will be focused on friendship, prayer and our special places and times. In July we will have our own role-play wedding celebration!

Show and tell will continue to take place on a Thursday afternoon. You can find the up-to-date list of dates and themes in the back of your child's reading record book.

During our **circle time** sessions, we will learn about the importance of keeping safe in a range of situations and after half term we will discuss living in one world where we will find out about different families, cultures and looking after our planet.

Through our **topic** sessions we will spend time planting in the herb garden in our outdoor area and growing vegetables in the raised beds. We will develop our creative skills by making tribal necklaces, marbled ink planets, a large scale South African sunset painting, underwater pictures using wax crayons and paint, using clay to sculpture jungle animals and Aboriginal art paintings

We will investigate the life cycle of a butterfly through watching the amazing transformation of live caterpillars first hand in the classroom and explore the minibeasts and their habitats in our outdoor area.



Our practical awe and wonder **science** lessons are back this half term! These experiments are designed to make children think and take their breath away! We want children to come home talking about science, wanting to try their own experiments - so we will give you a few to try.

In **computing**, we will become bloggers, authors, artists and biologists as we use technology to explore the outside world!

We are also planning a class trip to Grange Over Sands. More information to follow.

P.E will take place on Tuesday afternoons. We will be focussing on developing our fundamental movement skills through the story of 'Superworm'.



How can I help at home?

Please spend time each evening reading with your child. Your child will have their word tubs containing tricky words, please spend time looking at the words in their tub. Your child will bring books home each day to read independently with an adult. Please record any comments in their reading record book and return to school each day.

Many thanks,
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Mr L Stott