



# Parent Curriculum Overview

Spring 1 2024 Willow Class

Our topics this half term are

'Winter Wonderland' and 'Once Upon A Time'

Planning in EYFS is a possible line of direction; ideas and planning may change in response to children's needs and interests.

## Prime Area: Personal, Social and Emotional development (PSED)

This half term we will be thinking about 'Dreams and Goals'. We will be talking about the importance of keeping trying, even when things are really tricky and about how we can encourage others. We will also be talking about special celebrations.



## Prime Area: Physical Development (PD)

Our weekly PE sessions this half term will focus on Gymnastics skills and Games, with an emphasis on ball skills. We will also have daily activities to help to develop our gross and fine motor skills.

Please can the children continue to wear their PE kits to school on Tuesday and Friday each week.



## Prime Area: Communication and Language (CL)

We will be developing our use of key vocabulary related to our topics beginning with our Winter Wonderland topic



We will also be having lots of opportunities for role play, storytelling and imaginary play linked to our 'Once Upon a Time' topic. The children are already enjoying the dressing up costumes and puppets. They have been taking on the roles of different characters including knights and princesses.

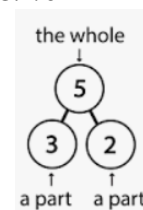
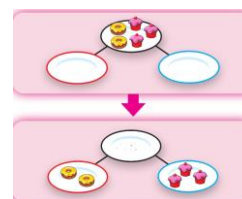
## Literacy and Phonics

Phonics will continue to be taught daily using the 'Read Write Inc' phonics scheme. The children are now gaining confidence at recognising the individual letter sounds and using them to read and write CVC words. We will now be extending this by reading and writing simple captions and sentences, applying all the sounds that we know. We will be reading daily in school as part of our phonics learning but we also ask for your child to share their reading book or letter sounds flash cards at home as often as possible too. In Literacy we will be learning some Winter Poems and then we will be exploring a range of traditional stories including The Gingerbread Man, Goldilocks and The Three Bears and Cinderella.

## Maths

We will be exploring lots of number based activities this half term. The children will consolidate their accurate counting skills and will begin to explore number bonds. They will learn how a number can be split into smaller parts using lots of practical resources and a whole part model to support them.

We will also be comparing numbers to 10 using the vocabulary of more and fewer.



**Our Topics** In our Winter Wonderland topic the children will be learning about what happens in Winter. We will be thinking about the clothes that we wear and the changes that happen in our local environment. We will be making our own snow and exploring ice. We will also be finding out about places in the world that are cold all year. During our 'Once Upon A Time' topic we are going to be exploring different fairy tale homes and castles and thinking about who might live there. We are also going to be looking at different clothes worn by Kings and Queens a long time ago and comparing them with clothes that we see today. We will be painting traditional story characters and their homes and developing our baking skills by making Gingerbread Men and porridge with different toppings. We will also be learning about Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated.