



Last half-term, we enjoyed...

Coming to the stay and plays! The children thought it was fun to meet the other children and to see what was in our classroom. Lots of children remembered different parts of the classroom or resource. We enjoyed playing outside and climbing trees.

When we thought about nursery we enjoyed the mud kitchen, making clouds, playing in the sand pit, sawing and drawing.

This half-term, we are looking forward to...

This term our topic is 'Busy Being Me' where the children can learn about what makes them unique and wonderful, their own personal history and how their family and their community also makes up who they are. When I discussed this topic with the children, they were keen to take their learning into more medical realms: 'I want to learn about what's in my blood' 'I want to learn about things doctors say' 'I want to know why we go to hospital' 'I want to know about vaccinations' 'I want to know about how we learn and get clever' 'I want to know about what other people's families are like'. The staff and children will plan together some ideas to meet their objectives. To help with this, I would appreciate if you could send in a photo of your family, or just a favourite photo that the children could talk about. We will take photocopies and send this back straight away. Or you could email them to r.piper@willow.lancs.sch.uk.

Some of the children have expressed an interest in cooking so we will have a go at baking this half term and we can look at how we can be healthy. We will also be working with Nick Brunskill in our allotments. Children will be taken in small groups on a Monday. Wellies and overalls will be provided.

Key Vocabulary

- Topic words: Family, community, unique
- Behaviour for learning: confident, brave, resilient
- We are working on speaking in full sentences e.g. 'please can I...', 'I would like...', and using people's names when talking to others.
- If your child watches TV, *Numberblocks* is an educational programme that helps mathematical understanding
- *One minute maths* app by White Rose Maths is another a good tool for helping mathematical understanding. If you would prefer to not use a screen, I can show you the type of activities they do.

Important days and dates

- PE is on a **Wednesday**. Children should come in dressed in their PE kit on that day.
- We will start giving books out on the week beginning 19.9.22. These will be picture books. We would like you to look at these with your child and encourage them to tell a story using the pictures, you can prompt them with questions like 'I wonder why...' or 'I wonder how...'
- When all children have reading books, these will be changed on **Mondays, Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. Please make sure you are reading with your child as much as possible and recording it in your home-school journals and bring these in **everyday**.