



### **Last half-term, we enjoyed...**

Coming to the stay and plays! We thought it was fun to meet the other children and to see what was in our classroom. Lots of us remembered different parts of the classroom or a particular toy. The marble run and play dough were the favourite of many. We also really enjoyed playing outside and climbing trees.

### **This 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. 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](mailto:r.piper@willow.lancs.sch.uk). It would also be lovely to see a baby photo of your child so we can talk with the children about how they have changed and how they will continue to grow and learn more. We will discuss this topic in more detail with the children as the term progresses and follow the interests of the children. The following half term we will be looking at celebrations. This will end with our Christmas performance, but it will also feature other festivals like Halloween, Bonfire night, Winter solstice and New Years. If there are any particular celebrations from your culture or your religion, we would love to hear about them so we can plan for these too.

### **Key Vocabulary**

- Topic words: Family, community, unique
- Behaviour for learning vocabulary: 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, and *Alphablocks* is good for phonics
- *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 **Friday**. Children should be in an active uniform anyway so you shouldn't need to do anything extra for this (see the website for more info on uniform).

All children have books now, and later, as we teach the children more letters and their corresponding sounds, we will send home some decodable books. For now we will concentrate on developing vocabulary relating to stories by looking at wordless books.

Reading books will be changed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This is to encourage re-reading books to help build fluency and comprehension. Thank you for reading with your child as much as possible and recording it in your home-school journal. Remember to bring these in everyday so we can pass on messages easily. Thank you.