



Welcome to Red Class and welcome to Willow Lane School!

The children are settling in beautifully. What a wonderful start! Last half term, we loved the Stay and Plays. Many children in the class loved to play outside with mums and dads. The water, sand and marble run were very popular. Inside, some children loved to play in the home corner and others loved making different flavours of ice cream with the playdough! We also loved our new teachers Miss Frankland and Mrs Banks visiting us at home and at all our nurseries where we made them all proud showing how clever we all are. Well done Red Class! You are all amazing! We can't wait to get started with a brilliant year ahead.

This term, we are looking forward to... This term our topic is **All About Me!** Red class will learn about themselves, their feelings, how they have grown and changed, their health (food and hygiene) and their senses as well as where they live! To help with this, I would appreciate if you could send in a photo of your family that your child could talk about. We will take photocopies and send these back straight away. Or you could email them to enquiries@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.

The following half term we will be looking at **Celebrations**. Here, the children will learn about festivals such as Halloween, Bonfire night, Winter solstice, Hannukah and New Years as well as Diwali, the festival of lights. Of course, the term will end with our amazing Christmas nativity. 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. We can't wait to get to know all the children better and find out all about them. It's going to be a brilliant term!

Key Vocabulary and Learning at Home

- Topic words: **Family, community, unique, feelings words e.g. sad, happy, excited, angry, worried, loved healthy, hygiene, sight, hearing, smell, taste, touch**
- Maths vocabulary: **match, sort, compare**
- Soon, we will be learning the phonic sounds and graphemes, **s,a,t,p,i,n**
- Book words: **front cover, pages, characters, title**
- 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.
- **Baking** is a fantastic way to develop mathematical vocabulary such as more, less, heavier, lighter, bigger, smaller
- **Read lots of stories** as often as you can – this helps your child so much

Important days and dates

PE is on a **Thursday**. Please continue to wear active uniform (see the website for more details).

All children will be taking books home next week. These will initially have no words but soon, we will be learning letters and their corresponding sounds. When children develop confidence with this, 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 communication books. Remember to bring these in everyday so we can pass on messages easily. Thank you.

We are planning a **local area walk trip in October**. Please watch out for more information.