

Summer 1 Newsletter

Willow Pathway

Dormice, Owls, Badgers, Squirrels & Beavers Classes



Welcome back! We hope you had a good Easter break and your child is excited to be back in school. Our final term of the year looks like it will be full of fun and engaging learning. The teaching teams have been working hard to ensure that all learning is both purposeful and challenging!

Staffing

Pathway Leads: Sammy & Sally

Cover Supervisor: Paris

Dormice: Teacher: Chloe, TAs: Akilma, Sarah, Noha, Jasbir, Saima MDSA: Roshanara

Owls: Teacher: Fay, TAs: Tracey, Emma, Devi, Aga, MDSA: Shabana

Badgers: Teacher: Suraya, TAs: Tracey, Rashida, Chandi, Madina, MDSA: Arshi

Beavers: Teacher: Andrea, TAs: Aliya, Karen, Rukaiya, Donna, Eliesha MDSA: Fatima

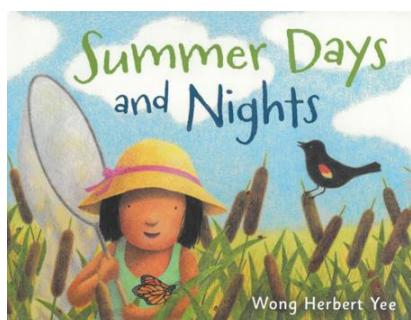
Squirrels: Teacher: Helen, TAs: Priti, Naima, Selina, Rubina, Annabelle, MDSA: Hadjar

Important Dates Parent Workshops and Events:

- Monday 20th April Parent Workshop: Transition to secondary school – YEAR 5 PARENTS ONLY
- Wednesday 29th April Parents Evening
- Wednesday 6th May Parent Workshop: Physical Development
- Saturday 9th May: Sibling Saturday
- Tuesday 19th May Parent Workshop: Paper Based Communication

Literacy – Book Study

Our book study unit this term is Summer Days and Nights by Wong Herbert Yee. Lots of our children in Willow really enjoy book sharing. Through reading the book in sections, with lots of repetition it enables them to become more familiar with the text and pictures and to really explore the language and the story. The children will be supported to recall key events, images and sounds from the story. Click here to watch the story on YouTube [Summer Days and Nights](#).



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Important Information

- Class teachers will provide daily updates on your child using ClassDojo. Please remember to check this daily.
- As the weather gets nicer, we will be taking more of our learning outside and making full use of all of our outdoor spaces. Please send in spare clothes as children can sometimes get wet and dirty. We can support them to change into clothes they are familiar and comfortable with.
- Look on Class Dojo for the information about Willow Pathway and whole school events, including parent workshops.
- Our Family Support Worker, Mala is available to chat with you about any questions you may have including funding, benefits and support at home. Please contact the school if you require any support.

Mathematical Skills

Our Maths learning this half term will focus on:

- Number: 1 and lots, More than, Less than, 1 more 1 less
- Cardinality: number 1-5/counting sets/11-20

The children will be matching photographs that are the same, sorting objects into groups where objects are the same and recognising when an object is not the same as the rest of the group, where there is not a distinct difference. The children will also be practising to point at things as someone else counts as well as being taught the concept of 'more'. They will take part in learning activities which use the language associated with counting, such as "more", "a lot", "less".

Physical Development

Children in Willow Pathway will have lots of opportunities to develop their fine and gross motor skills this term. In our Physical Development sessions, we will be looking at the unit Kicking and Striking. The children will have lots of opportunities to practise the skills in the lessons using a range of balls, targets and some partner work. They will be learning to stand on one leg and swing the other leg, stand on one leg and swing towards a stationary object, such as a ball on a tee and then kicking a ball from a standing start. Some children will go on to run up to a stationary ball & kick it and a target or a partner. If you have a garden or a park nearby, grab a ball and see what skills you can practise with your child.



Home Supported Learning:

Here are some fun activities that you could try with your child to support their Maths learning this term:

Treasure Hunt Sorting: You need: Small toys, blocks, or natural objects (leaves, stones, pinecones).

- Ask your child to find 1 of something (e.g., find 1 leaf).
- Then ask them to find lots (e.g., now find lots of stones).
- Place them on a plate labelled "1" and a plate labelled "Lots."



Snack Sorting: You need: Grapes, raisins, cereal pieces.

- Put 1 item on one side of the plate.
- Put lots on the other side.
- Ask: "Which side has 1? Which side has lots?"

Number Line Jumping: You need: A number line to 10 or 20 (drawn or printed).

- Ask your child to stand on a number.
- "Jump 1 more!" → they move forward one step.
- "Jump 1 less!" → they move back one step.



If you have any questions regarding our Willow Pathway either contact the class teacher via ClassDojo or email either of the Pathway Leaders, Sally Bott sbott@oaklands.leicester.sch.uk or Sammy Nour snour@oaklands.leicester.sch.uk