



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'
Philippians 4:13



Nursery Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas.

Our Curriculum:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: The children will continue to develop friendships and learn to get along with others. We will provide opportunities for the children to develop confidence in talking in small groups. In group time we will talk about what we know about bears and what we would like to find out.

Communication and Language: The children will be given lots of opportunities during small group sessions such as chatting time to develop their speaking and listening skills. These skills will also be supported through continuous provision whilst they are playing and interacting with the other children.

Physical Development: The children will have continuous access to the outdoor environment where they will be able to ride the bikes, develop their throwing and catching skills, practise writing on a larger scale and use the climbing frame. The children will also start going into the hall to do movement to music.

Mathematics: This term the children will be exploring patterns. They will be learning the names of different shapes and finding out how many sides the different shapes have. They will continue to develop their counting skills through games and activities. We will also be sharing some of the stories from Boo Zoo which cover all aspects of mathematics.

Literacy: The children will have the opportunity to practise their writing in the writing area and through the 'Write dance' programme. We will be listening to stories about bears and retelling stories in the correct sequence. Through our letters and sounds work, the children will continue to have opportunities to develop their listening skills and begin to tune into rhyme through Rhyming Stories and Silly Soup games.

Understanding the World: As part of our topic, we will be looking at the globe to see where Bears come from and learning more about where they live and what they eat. We will also be looking at how teddy bears have changed over time, comparing the old and new. The children will also be learning about Chinese New Year and how this is celebrated.

Expressive Arts and Design: The children will be given opportunities to develop different art skills such as painting, collage and drawing. As part of our topic the children will be exploring different materials and they will have a go at making their own Teddy Bear.

Spring Term Focus Theme:
'Beware of the Bears!'

Focus Reading Text:
'We are going on a Bear Hunt'
'The Biggest Bear'
'Where's my Teddy'
'The Bear in a Cave'
'I love Bears'

Recommended Websites:
www.saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk/
CBeebies. In particular Alphablocks, Get Squiggling and Numtums games

Twitter Accounts to follow:
@MrsECunningham @St_Wilfrids_CE
@StWilfridsMusic @StWilfridsSport

Home Learning:

Personal, Social and Emotional
We recommend that you encourage your child to be as independent as possible when using the toilet and with dressing themselves.

Literacy
We encourage that you share stories and read with your children at bedtime and talk about the pictures in the book and what is happening in the story.

Maths
To encourage counting, you can get your child to set the table. For example counting out the correct number of cutlery for the family.

Understanding of the World
To help your child learn about other cultures and the food they eat to celebrate Chinese New Year, you might like to visit a Chinese Restaurant or Takeaway. To encourage children to think about where bears live, you could look on the internet at the different parts of the world they live in.

A message from the PTFA...

"We have had a fantastic Autumn Term and have raised lots of funds that our children will be able to take advantage of throughout the year. All of our Christmas events were very popular and the Christmas Fair saw it's highest profit to date. I would like to thank all parents and carers who have shown their support for all of our events, as well as school staff and the PTFA team for their continued commitment. We look forward to the next term of activities and events and would welcome new members to join us." Katie Ashcroft (Chair)



