



AYCLIFFE VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Great oaks from tiny acorns grow



Willow Class (Reception) Autumn Term Newsletter and Curriculum Map

We hope you and your child have enjoyed their first few weeks in school and are getting to know the staff.

- Tapestry – I hope you are all enjoying using Tapestry. It is a great way for us to share your child's learning at school, but also for you to share their learning or event at home too.
- Outdoor learning – We will be outside in all weathers so please can your child bring a coat to school every day, and hats and gloves (named) as the weather turns colder. Children have access to water proof trousers and we do have some spare wellies, however if your child has an old pair that could be left in school then please send them in clearly named.
- PE – children just need to wear uniform every day. Our PE is inside and they just need remove their socks and shoes. Any practise you can give at home with this will be greatly appreciated.
- Reading – Your child will be bringing one reading book home a week for you to share, these will be changed weekly. Once children have begun learning a new sound, they will bring a Phonics Book home with the sound they have learnt in, the action that goes with the sound and the rhyme for letter formation. Please practice these sounds a little each night as this will help them with their reading skills. The Phonics Books need to be in their bag each day so we can add new sounds as we teach them. They will also bring a High Frequency Word book, new words will be added as we learn them, so they can practice reading them on sight at home. Please remember, that we don't expect all children to develop at the same rate and starting a reading book is a very special moment in school. Each child is on their own journey and we are proud of the efforts that they all make when learning to read.
- Water bottles – Your child can a named water bottle into school each day with water in. We encourage children to drink water throughout the day, however if your child does not have a water bottle, they still have access to water.

If you have any queries regarding school, no matter how small, please ask us or email the office: aycliffevillage@durhamlearning.net

We look forward to working with you and your child on their learning journey over the next year.

Best wishes from the EYFS team.



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English

- To be able to read and write their name.
- To begin to learn Phase 2 sounds and HFW.
- To identify and write the initial sounds in words.
- To be able to identify a rhyming pair.
- To join in with class stories

Maths

- Compare, sort and match amounts.
- Count and recognise number to 5
- Compare size, mass and capacity.
- Make a simple pattern.
- Begin to name 2D shapes.
- Use positional language

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Become familiar with staff and build relationships.
- Develop independence in the environment.
- Play cooperatively and take turns.
- Know how to be kind to each other.
- Discuss and share our feelings.
- Know who we can talk to in school if we are feeling unhappy or someone is being unkind.

Physical Development

- Develop fine motor skills.
- Develop gross motor skills.
- Letter and number formation.
- Fasten coats independently.
- Dress independently for the outdoor environment, put on waterproof trousers and wellies.

All about Me

Autumn Term 1

Communication and Language

- Follow instructions.
- Listen to and join in with stories with a repeated refrain.
- Use speech to organise and sequence ideas.
- Listen to and respond appropriately to what others say.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Create self portraits.
- Being to learn new songs and actions.
- Construct with a purpose in mind using a variety of resources.
- Introduce a storyline or narrative in the small world area or role play area.

Understanding the World

- Share special family times with friends.
- Discuss and know the changes that take place within Autumn.
- Operate a programme on the computer using the mouse and keyboard.
- Learning and name our body parts
- Exploring our senses
- Find out about Shabbat.