

Willow Tree Primary School

YEAR 1

FOUNDATIONAL KNOWLEDGE



Willow Tree
Primary School

We follow the **National Curriculum** to ensure children build strong foundations in knowledge, skills and understanding across all subjects. This prepares them for learning now and in the future.

ENGLISH



- Read accurately using phonics knowledge
- Understand and discuss what we read
- Write sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops
- Use basic punctuation (! ? ,)
- Learn and spell common exception words
- Develop neat handwriting

MATHEMATICS



- Count, read and write numbers to 100
- Add and subtract one-digit and two-digit numbers
- Recognise and name 2D and 3D shapes
- Measure length, height, weight and capacity
- Understand place value (to 100)
- Solve simple problems and explain thinking

SCIENCE



- Identify and name common plants and animals
- Observe changes across the four seasons
- Explore everyday materials and their properties
- Describe the human body and basic needs
- Ask simple questions and observe closely

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY



- Learn about changes within living memory
- Explore the lives of significant individuals from the past
- Identify key events beyond living memory
- Name and locate continents and oceans
- Explore similarities and differences between people and places

ART & DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY



- Explore colour, line, shape, texture and pattern
- Use a range of materials creatively
- Design and make products for a purpose
- Develop drawing, painting and sculpting skills

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- Understand feelings and how to manage them
- Build positive relationships
- Learn about different families and communities
- Explore special stories and celebrations in different religions

LETTER FORMATION AND HANDWRITING

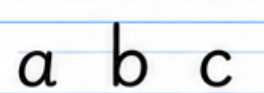
We develop handwriting fluency, accuracy and pride in presentation.

1. PRE-WRITING SKILLS



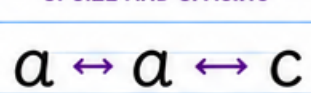
Build fine motor skills and pencil control through a variety of patterns and movements.

2. LETTER FORMATION



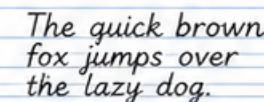
Form lower case letters correctly, starting and finishing in the right place.

3. SIZE AND SPACING



Use consistent letter size and spacing. Leave finger spaces between words.

4. PRESENTATION



Write with increasing speed and stamina, producing neat and well-presented work.



We encourage curiosity, resilience and a love of learning. Every child is supported to achieve their best and be ready for their next steps in Year 2 and beyond.



growing, learning, achieving together