

Small Steps
Big Futures



Willow Tree Primary School

YEAR 2

FOUNDATIONAL KNOWLEDGE

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.



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ENGLISH



- Read fluently and with understanding
- Develop inference, prediction and explanation skills
- Write for different purposes and audiences
- Use a range of sentence types, including subordination
- Use punctuation accurately, including apostrophes
- Build spelling, vocabulary and handwriting stamina

MATHEMATICS



- Recall and use addition and subtraction facts
- Add and subtract two-digit numbers
- Multiply and divide using 2, 5 and 10 times tables
- Solve problems with money and measures
- Recognise, find and use fractions
- Reason mathematically and explain thinking
- Recognise, compare and understand the properties of 2D and 3D shapes

SCIENCE



- Explore living things and their habitats
- Investigate plants and how they grow
- Find out about everyday materials and their uses
- Observe changes in seasons
- Ask questions and carry out simple investigations

HISTORY



- Learn about changes within living memory
- Explore the lives of significant individuals from the past
- Study events beyond living memory
- Use sources to find out about the past
- Sequence and compare events
- Create use and understand simple timelines of events in the past

GEOGRAPHY



- Name and locate the seven continents and five oceans
- Study the UK and its countries and capital cities
- Use compass directions and simple maps
- Describe human and physical features
- Compare places and environments

ART & DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY



- Use a range of materials creatively
- Develop techniques in drawing, painting and sculpture
- Design and make products for a purpose
- Evaluate and improve ideas and products
- Learn about different artists and their styles, approaches and techniques

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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

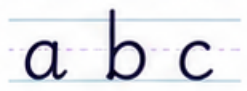
We develop handwriting fluency, accuracy and neat presentation.

1. PENCIL CONTROL



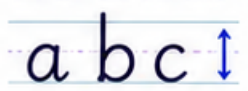
Develop fine motor skills and control through a variety of patterns, shapes and movements.

2. LETTER FORMATION



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

3. SIZE AND SPACING



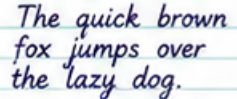
Use consistent letter size and spacing between letters and words.

4. JOINING (WHERE APPROPRIATE)



Begin to join some letters where appropriate, using diagonal and horizontal joins.

5. PRESENTATION



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

We encourage resilience and a love of learning. Every child is supported to achieve their best and be ready for their next steps in Year 3 and beyond.



growing, learning, achieving together