

Windale Primary School Curriculum Newsletter



Nursery Class - Summer term 1 2026

Communication and Language

This term, we will play games and take part in activities which will help us to practise following instructions such as Simon says and What's the time Mr Wolf.

Whilst playing, we will have conversations with the children about what they are doing. There will be opportunities to talk about past experiences and events.

We will encourage thinking skills by asking the children simple 'why' questions during story times and during play.

We will be helping to extend your child's vocabulary through sharing stories, modelling during play and learning new words during focussed activities. We will be encouraging the children to talk about a familiar book and also retell stories using props or puppets.

Literacy

This half term, we will be continuing to develop our listening skills through rhymes, song, books and games. The children moving who are moving up to Reception in September will be focusing on clapping out syllables and hearing and recognising words that rhyme such as **hat, bat, cat, mat**.

During play, your child will learn to recognise his/her name in the environment e.g. on his/her peg, coat, model etc. **Please make sure all of your child's belongings are named.**

When ready your child will then start to learn how to form some of the letters of their name. Outside and inside, there will be activities to support mark-making including chalk, water and paintbrushes, paint, whiteboards and pens to name a few!

Maths

We will be continuing to practise our Super subitising (recognising small amounts of objects without counting) up to 3. This will also include comparing groups of objects saying which has more and which have fewer/less.

We will continue to practise counting both in small groups and during our play e.g. counting fruit at snack time, counting steps, cars etc. We will be focusing on counting to five, making sure we count in order and say one number name for each object, whilst learning that the last number reached tells us the total.

The children will also have lots of opportunities to explore and build with 3D shapes this term. We will learn the to describe them using language such as *round, curved, flat, corner and straight*.

We will learn to understand and use positional language in our play but also in books such as 'Where is Spot? And Rosie's walk'. This will include following instructions whilst taking part in parachute games and playing hide and seek!

Understanding of the World

This half term, we will continue to talk about our families and learn about special celebrations in our lives and the lives of others. ***Please let us know if there are any special celebrations or events coming up for your child.***

We will also be learning about people who help us in our communities including home and school. We are looking for parents/carers who would like to come and talk to the children about their jobs for about 5- 10 minutes. Please speak to one of the Nursery team if you can come in.

In our garden, we will be noticing how the plants and trees are changing. We will be learning what plants need to grow and will start to plant our own seeds.

We will also explore different materials such gloop, shaving foam, bubbles, mud, sand, magnets and water.

Physical

This term, we will continue to teach the children how to put on their own coats, wellies and shoes, so that they can become more independent. The children will also learn how to pour their own drink at snack time and use a plastic knife to safely cut their fruit.

We are helping to develop the children's confidence on the new climbing equipment and encouraging them to use alternate feet. The children will climb and balance on their own obstacle courses made with equipment such as wooden planks, tyres, hula hoops and tunnels.

The children will improving their gross and fine motor skills.

Activities to support this will include:

- Waving flags, streamers and ribbons
- Continuing our 'Squiggle While you Wiggle' sessions
- Taking part in 'Dough Disco'
- Providing a range of funky finger activities to explore such as threading, playdough, pegboards and tweezers and pom poms.

PSHCE

At the beginning of this term, we have helped our new children settle into the Nursery class. The older children are helping us to teach them about our routines and classroom environment. We will continue to teach sharing and turn taking during groups times and choosing time. They will learn to talk about how they are feeling in different situations, using words such as 'happy', 'sad', 'angry' or 'worried'. This will include understanding how others may be feeling too.

We will be continuing to help each other and work together to keep our classroom tidy and organised! The children are starting to learning to choose it, use it (explore and use resources for their own projects), and tidy away!

Expressive Arts and Design

There will be lots of opportunities to be creative both inside and outside this term! They will be singing songs and making music outside, playing the piano and performing on our stage! We are also learning to make up our own versions of familiar songs and rhymes. The children explore all the different sounds that can be made on our junk music wall. In the Creative area we will be making pictures with paint, designing and making models with junk modelling materials and creating collages with different materials.

Rhymes this term

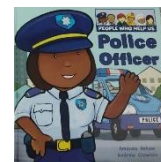
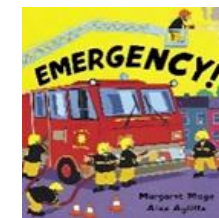
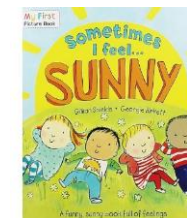
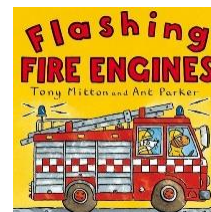
- Hickory Dickory Dock <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-hickory-dickory-dock/znpj47h>
- Hokey Cokey <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-the-hokey-cokey/zrcnmfr>
 - Mary Had a Little Lamb
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/cbeebies-house-gyasi-signs-nursery-rhymes/clip/cbeebies-house-gyasi-signs-mary-had-a-little-lamb>
- The Grand Old Duke of York <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/zrymd6f>
 - I'm a Firefighter- See notice board

Please look at the notice board to see which rhyme we are learning each week.

Book of the Week

Each week we focus on a story which we read and talk about.

These are some of books we will be sharing this term:



Number Rhymes

- Five Little Speckle Frogs-[Five little speckled frogs - BBC Teach](#)
 - Zoom, Zoom, Zoom <https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/songs-and-rhymes/zoom-zoom-zoom-audio>
 - Five Green Bottles (same tune as Ten Green Bottles) -[Five Green Bottles | Songs | The Baby Club - YouTube](#)
- One Little Finger- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eBVqcTEC3zQ>



Sun safety



As the weather gets warmer, please ensure that your child brings in a **named sun hat** and **that sun cream** is applied in the morning before the session. Please can your child also have a spare set of clothes in their bag in case they get wet during water play!

How can I help my child at home?

- Read and share books and stories.
- Practise counting and subitising to 5 e.g. counting steps, noticing the number of cups on the table etc.
- Talk about people who help us in our families and local community. How do they help us? What can we do to help at home?
- Help your child to learn how to put on and take off his or her shoes independently.
- Help your child to recognise their name by labelling pictures and models.
- Sing songs and Nursery rhymes together.
- Whilst at the park model positional language e.g. Can you go **down** the slide and up the ladder? Can you go **under** the bridge? You are going **through** the tunnel. You are going **across** the bridge. You are **inside** the house.

Snack bar

We continue to offer fruit and milk or water at our **Snack bar** during choosing time. Children can also bring in a water bottle and healthy snack from home (not cakes, crisps or biscuits). Please can these be in a named snack box. **Please also ensure that the snack does not include anything that contains nuts.** Grapes, tomatoes and blueberries must be cut into halves or ideally quarters (see image) Thank you.



Save the Date!

- Nursery class Reading Stay and Play for parents/carers on Wednesday 20th May- - 10.30-11.25am (Morning Nursery) and 2.30-3.15pm (Afternoon and 30 hours)

- End of Nursery celebration on Wednesday 15th July; 10.30-11.25 (Morning Nursery children) and 2.30-3.15pm (Afternoon children and 30 hours)