



# Willow Class

*E-Newsletter*



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### IMPORTANT DATES:

- October- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
  - October 3rd-7th- World Space Week
  - October 4th- World Animal Day
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What an incredible first month this has been! We are so proud of everyone in Willow Class and they have all settled in so quickly. They are already such a tight knit and wonderful group of friends and I am delighted to see the new friendships growing stronger each day.

During the first two weeks, we took the time to get to know the children and to see what they were interested in and which activities they enjoyed the most. Having done this, we were then able to properly begin our very first topic: 'All About Me'. What great fun we have had with this topic!

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- October 5th- World Teacher Day
  - October 14th- Last Day of School
  - October 17th-21st Half Term Break/ Autumn Camp
  - October 19th- Public Holiday
  - October 24th- Back to School
  - October 31st- Halloween
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The children created their own self-portraits using recycled materials, magical mirrors for a view of our special selves, decorated the first letter of their name using loose parts and printed their little handprints for a lasting memory and keepsake.

As well as daily art projects in the Atelier, we also discovered more about ourselves using play-dough to show how we are feeling, we used Lego and building blocks to show our friends what our homes look like and drew pictures of ourselves with our new friends.

In 'Recycling Week' we investigated the importance of recycling and all the amazing ways we can use old things for a new and different purpose. We used recycled plastic bottles for Ten Pin Bowling and even made our own version of the Ring and Hoop game. The children have enjoyed several art activities during 'Recycling Week' including creating our very own 'Very Hungry Caterpillars' using Pringle tubes. Have a look at our "Reuse, Reduce, Recycle" display board which can be found in the Reception area.

The children always look forward to our circle times together now and have a good grasp of the classroom rules. It is in circle time that we have enjoyed singing some of our favourite songs such as "5 Little Speckled Frogs" and "One Little Finger". We love nothing more than a good dance around and the biggest hits in Willow Class are most certainly "I Am A Gummy Bear" and "If You're Happy And You Know It".



#### What's Next?

We will be learning more about our family members in the upcoming weeks and the people who are special to us. We will be practising our counting and colours with songs and games and we are looking forward to spending even more time outside in the beautiful garden as the weather begins to cool further. Willow Class cannot wait for Halloween and for us all to get started on some amazing art and crafts projects in our beautiful Atelier to decorate our classroom.

This month we will have lots of fun and exciting activities! October is Breast Cancer Awareness month so we are planning on doing some activities to help raise money for the cause. October 3rd - October 7th is 'World Space Week, during which we will explore the planets. October 4th is World Animal Day and October 5th is World Teacher Day. We have got an autumn themed camp planned for Half Term Break October 17th - October 21st (Tuesday. October 19th is a public holiday).