

## Our Topic

### Understanding Our World

**Our big question this term is: How do we learn about the world?** This term we will be discovering how we gather information out about our surroundings using our five senses.

This will include some fun scientific experiments that involve using our senses to help us understand how miraculously our body works.

In December, we will direct our focus towards Christmas and all the sensory, seasonal delights it has to offer. However, we will also be learning about the first Christmas and that this season isn't just about food and presents, it's a celebration of the Birth of Jesus.



## Willow Class Termly Newsletter Autumn Term 2, 2021

### Hello!

**We are looking forward to sharing with your child the joyous season ahead.**

To confirm our timings, Willow Class is welcomed by their teachers at **08:50** and we come out of class at **3:10** pm. Please try to arrive on time as it will help your child feel in step with the rest of the class, both coming and going.

## Contacting Us

Ms. Jaeger and Mrs Jenkinson are the teachers in Willow Class. Ms. Jaeger works in Willow Class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays; while Mrs Jenkinson works on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs. Mundy is our full-time Teaching Assistant and helps us everyday! We appreciate that things come up from time to time which you may need to communicate to us. The mornings can be a tricky time to meet, as others may be waiting, and we need to begin our school day promptly. The best way to communicate information to us or set up a meeting is by email. Here are our email addresses: [sjaeger@stmichaelspri.co.uk](mailto:sjaeger@stmichaelspri.co.uk) [sjenkinson@stmichaelspri.co.uk](mailto:sjenkinson@stmichaelspri.co.uk) However, if your concern is urgent, please get in touch with the office and they will let us know.

## Reading

In Willow Class, reading takes place many times every day. Our classroom is set up in a very child friendly way that encourages them to read and make connections to text within the environment. We also have a class library that children can independently access anytime during the day. Furthermore, we will be teaching daily, whole-class phonics lessons, and **reading** to your child every day. Throughout the next few terms, we will be checking to see if your child is 'ready' to access our reading-scheme books, and when that time comes we will send you more information about reading these books with them at home.

## P.E. & Forest School

P.E. is an integral part of the Early Years curriculum and encompasses both gross and fine motor control skills, along with health and self-care. This means that we teach P.E. based skills every day. No additional equipment or clothing is required for this aside from their waterproofs and wellies, as we do most of our physical activities outside, in all weathers. We would like to begin offering Forest School to Willow Class, which will give them more wide-ranging opportunities to explore movement, as well as enhance their sensory exploration of the natural world. We have a purpose-built Forest School site within the school grounds, but we need your help to make this happen. **Please contact Ms. Jaeger if you can volunteer to join us on Wednesday afternoons.** It's guaranteed to be fun!

