

## Diary dates:

13.4.26- Start of term (Y1 animal day).

17.4.26- Farm trip

30.4.26- New Forest Wildlife Park trip

15.5.26- Sponsored walk

w/c 8.6.26- Phonics Screening Check

3.7.26: Sports day

w/c 6.7.26: Enrichment week

10.7.26: Moving up day

22.7.26: Last day of term- school finishes at 13.15

## Routes 2 Roots



Some ideas to help prepare and engage your child at home for our learning this half term

### Summer 1

### Willow Class

Useful vocabulary to understand and use:

**Volume, capacity, heavy, light, full, empty.**

**Half, quarter.**

**Above, below, left, right, in front, behind.**

**Noun, verb, adjective**

**Fact, description**

## Topic Project - DT focus

This half term will focus on the question "What makes a house a home?". We will begin our topic with a trip to New Forest Wildlife park, where we will look at the enclosures and what makes them fit for purpose. When we come back, we will begin to learn the skills that will help us to build our freestanding animal enclosures. We will follow the design, make, evaluate process, and we will work to meet a success criteria.

To help with this, please look at different types of fencing, including what they're made of, how tall they are and why, and how the materials are joined. To make our enclosures interesting and fit for purpose, we will learn how to design leavers and sliders.

Please also encourage designing, building and evaluating at home to build up the skills we will be using. For example, if your child has built something at home, ask them what they have made and why they have made it in the way they have.

### PSHE

Our focus this half term will be on the **Engage** module within My Happy Mind.

## English

This half term, we will start by writing animal fact files, based off our research about animal habitats. We will read lots of animal fact files and identify key features that make it unique. We will then also look at how the writers make their writing interesting and engaging. We will answer questions in the form of 'how does a scientist...?' to help us develop our writing. To help with this, please engage with animal books and videos like Deadly 60.

## Maths

This half term, we will start by looking at mass and capacity in a practical unit, where we will develop our predicting, measuring and comparing skills.

We will then begin a unit on multiplication and division. This will begin with counting in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s, before learning how to make arrays and equal groups.

After this, we will begin our unit on fractions that focusses on halves and quarters. We will learn how to find a half and a quarter of both shapes and amounts.

Finally, this half term, we will revisit geometry, but this time focussing on position and direction as we describe where objects are in relation to each other.

## PE and Forest School Kit

This half term children should come to school dressed in suitable PE kit on each Monday, and Forest School kit on each Wednesday (please include trainers as FS incorporates PE activities).