

Welcome to the start of the spring term at Little Willows Nursery. Detailed below are the seven areas of learning from the curriculum guidance for the EYFS and the types of adult-led learning opportunities that will happen this half term. These opportunities will be enhanced by children's emerging interests.

### PERSONAL, SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT- INSPIRING CONSIDERATION

We will be sharing our experiences of travel beginning with our journeys to school and places where children have already been. We will extend this with talking about where in the world the children would like to travel to and why? We will be encouraging teamwork as children set off on their (imaginary) travels and when creating shelters such as an igloo, tent or pyramid. **How you can help...** photograph some key places on your journey to school and look at family photographs taken in different places to talk about with your child.

### COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE-INSPIRING CREATIVITY

We will be extending our repertoire of songs by learning some new songs which include transport, animals and climates around the globe. As we discover and find out about places in the world, we will be focusing on using descriptive words and extending our vocabulary banks. **How you can help...** Can you make up an adventure you could have in a hot air balloon; on a boat; in a jeep or dog sled. We would love to hear about them!

### PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT-INSPIRING COLLABORATION

We provide daily opportunities for children to practise and refine their fine and gross motor skills both indoors and out. Our dough disco sessions form part of this provision. A dough disco session is essentially a workout with dough for developing upper arm and finger strength. In our PE sessions we will be experimenting with different ways of moving to represent different animals using the music from 'Frozen', 'The Carnival of the Animals' and 'Walk like an Egyptian'. **How you can help....** Can you fold and cut a paper snowflake?

### LITERACY-INSPIRING COMMUNICATION

We will be sharing a wealth of books based on the theme of incredible journeys such as 'Up, Up, Up', 'The journey home from Grandpa's house' 'The Polar Bear's home', 'We're sailing down the Nile' and 'We're Roaming through the Rainforests'. In planning for our incredible journeys, we will include (as part of our play) writing for different purposes: lists; forms; and most importantly postcards. **How you can help:** practise drawing lines or letters from your name in swampy green gloop, snowy shaving foam or ocean blue hair gel.

### MATHEMATICAL DEVELOPMENT-INSPIRING COMMITMENT

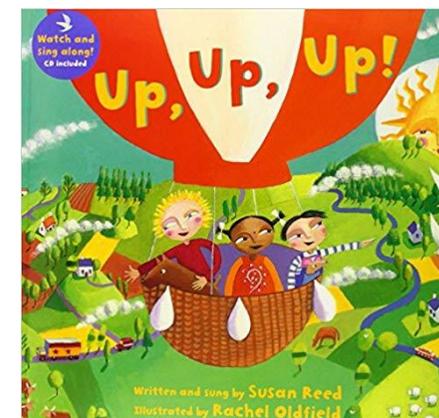
We will be continuing our Magical Maths journey. We will be looking at: amounts; saying and reading numbers; developing 1 to 1 correspondence when counting objects and practising sorting and grouping objects by type and size. We are also building our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes. Our sessions will include rhyme, story and song alongside adult-led play. **How you can help...** Please say/sing number rhymes at home with your child; play 'I Spy a number or shape' when you are out for a walk; practise saying numbers in order as you climb up/down the stairs.

### EXPRESSIVE ART & DESIGN- INSPIRING CREATIVITY & CRAFTSMANSHIP

We will have the opportunity to work with a range of materials and with a focus on working with junk box modelling and larger scaled materials to create transportation for our journeys. We will be developing our imaginations and storytelling as we play. **How can you help...** Can you design and make an animal mask of your favourite animal? Can you spy any patterns in nature when you are out exploring?

### UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD- INSPIRING CURIOSITY

Whilst planning our expeditions we will find out where these places are located in relation to Woodbridge by looking at a globe or maps. We will discuss what we think it is like there and what we might see. We will investigate ice; creating ice sculptures and exploring ways to make changes to the ice. **How you can help...** can you find out about an animal that lives in a particular climate around the globe? If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you travel to and how would you get there?



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