

Willow Class

Autumn Term 2016

Dear Parents,

Just a short letter to introduce myself as your child's new class teacher for the coming year. The class will be supported by Mrs Bentley and later in the year, by Mrs Broadbent.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on a Friday. There will be a Maths, English and Phonics activity. Please complete and return these by Wednesday. A spelling list will also be sent home - these spellings are words that all children should be able to spell by the end of the year.

Any other important notices, requests or information can also be found on that week's homework sheet.

Library

Children will have the opportunity to visit the school library on Thursdays and choose a book to enjoy at home. Please ensure that they have their library book in school so that they are able to change their books.



Reading

In Willow class, we try to read with the children as often as we can and books will be changed at least once per week.

It is crucial that children talk about what they are reading, as well as working out what the words say. Take some time to talk about the book with your child. Please write down which pages have been read in the record and please sign each time so that we are able to change their book when it is finished.

Phonics

Phonics plays an important part in helping children to read and developing their decoding skills. Phonics will take place every day for around 25 minutes. In this time, children will learn new sounds, or 'phonemes' and will then use these skills in their reading.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk has some fantastic, free games that your children will be able to use at home so why not have a go as often as you can?

Fudge

Another member of our class is a bear called Fudge - each week, I will choose someone who has worked hard that week to take Fudge home for the weekend. Fudge's diary is a place for your child to write or draw all about their adventures on the weekend - please could he be brought back on Monday morning.

P.E.

P.E. lessons will take place on Mondays and Fridays.

The children will need a clearly labelled bag containing a white top, navy shorts and pumps. Please ensure that each item is clearly labelled with your child's name. In accordance with school policy, long hair must be tied back, and it would be appreciated if pupils could have a spare band in their bag.

This term's topic:

Sporting Heroes

English

This term, we will be looking at stories with familiar settings, writing reports on our local area and our sporting heroes and we will even be writing some of our very own football chants.

History and Geography

In this topic, we will be looking at how our local has changed over the years and we will think about how it might change in the future. We will also look at how our school has changed and what we would like to change about it. We will then compare our local area with that of Blackpool and see what differences there are between an inland city and a large seaside town.

Art / DT

In Art this half term, we will be creating observational drawings of local landmarks and our own sporting heroes. The children will be able to choose between the materials they use to create their artwork.

Computing

In Computing, the class will be looking at how we use a computer, looking at the different keys and their different functions. We will then also use search engines to find pictures of local landmarks and our sporting heroes. We will also look at being safe on the Internet and knowing which information is safe to share with strangers and which information isn't.

PE

In PE, the children will be thinking about the way that their bodies can move and will be experimenting with performing different movements. They will then put together a short sequence recreating a famous sporting event or person.

Finally, if you have anything you wish to discuss, please feel free to grab me for a chat after school in the playground.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Goulds
