

Willow Class Newsletter

Summer 2017



Dear Parents,

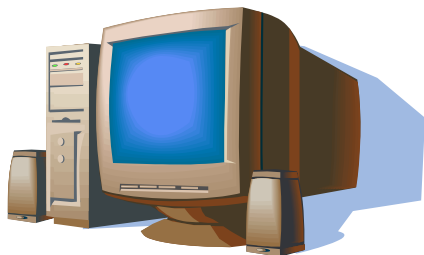
Just a short letter to say welcome back after the holidays and to inform you about the different topics that will be covered this term.

We are looking forward to this Summer Term. It is going to be a busy term and we have planned lots of exciting, fun activities which will take full advantage of the warmer weather (hopefully!)

SATs Tests

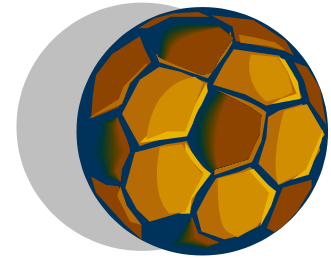
The Year 2 children in Willow class will be taking their SATs tests (Statutory Assessment Tests) during the week beginning **Monday 16th May**. These test results will be used to confirm teacher assessments carried out by myself during the Summer Term. Children do not need to worry about the tests, they are important but they are not the only assessment tool used to decide a child's attainment. In order to ensure that your child is fully prepared to perform at their best I would advise the following:

Please ensure that your child goes to bed early in order to get a good night's sleep. Please make sure that they start each day with a good breakfast. Thank you for your support.



Phonics

The Year 1 children and some of the Year 2 children will be undertaking their Phonics Screening check on the week beginning the 13th of June. This is a short check to ensure and confirm that their phonics skills are where they should be. I have every confidence in all of the children that they will do brilliantly. The test is done one to one with Mrs Duffy and consists of simply reading a short selection of words.



P.E.

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

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. Long hair must be tied back, and it would be appreciated if pupils could have a spare band in their bag.

This half term children will be taking part in Outdoor and Adventurous activities. The children will be learning all about trails. They will take part simple orientation activities, learning to use simple maps and follow simple trails.

Homework

Homework will continue to be linked to the childrens' SATS works and Phonics Screening Check until they are completed. Keep an eye out for a new set of spellings that will be sent home each week.

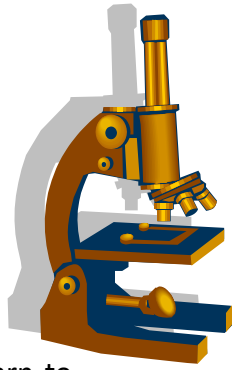
Topics

Science

Materials and their Properties.

Children will study a range of everyday materials. They will learn to identify different materials and describe their properties.

The class will be comparing and sorting these materials by their properties, as well as learning about which materials are waterproof and which are not.



Art / DT

Art

We will be doing lots of drawing and painting as this will help children develop and improve their observational skills

Design

Technology – building bridges.

Children will be investigating different structures. We will be evaluating existing structures, specifically bridges. The children will investigate how to make simple structures stand up. They will learn how to make components stronger and how to join component parts. The children will then design, make and evaluate their own simple structures.



Geography

Fieldwork in the School Grounds

We will be using simple fieldwork techniques such as observation and identification to study the geography of the school and its grounds. We will be developing the children's map work skills, using large scale maps and aerial photos of the school and local area. The children will learn to draw simple maps and use basic symbols in a map key.

Computing

Digital research

We will be carrying out digital research into materials- linking our Science work with Computing.

Programming

We will also be continuing to learn about basic programming.

R.E.

Judaism

The children will be learning all about the religion of Judaism and learning about the culture and celebrations linked to the religion of Judaism.

Library

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

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Finally, if you have anything you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Goulds