

Welcome to Willow Class - 2015/2016

Class Teachers ~ Mrs Tweedale (Mon, Tues, Wed) & Mrs Sassis (Wed, Thurs, Fri), Teaching Assistant ~ Mrs Ogden (every day)

Items needed in school each day: Reading book, Homework Diary, P.E. kit named (navy / black shorts, red / white t-shirt, plimsolls, trainers and tracksuit for outdoor games & lessons)

Home Learning is set as follows:

Reading ~ Children are expected to read daily and record their reading in their diary. Competent readers must maintain their reading diet in order to reach high targets by the end of Year 6. Children should still read to adults at home and parents / carers should continue to ask children questions about the text (see 'A quick guide to reading in Willow Class'). Please try to read with your child often and add a comment in the diary if you wish. *If you are able to pop in during the week to hear children read this would be much appreciated. Please come in to arrange a mutually convenient time.*



English Home Learning ~ Each child will have an English Home Learning folder / book.

English Home Learning will be set on a **Wednesday** and should be handed in to **Mrs Sassis** the following **Monday**. This term the English Home Learning will focus on writing, reading or SPAG. When the Home Learning focus is reading, children will need to answer questions with reference to a text and **provide full answers**. In order to provide complete answers in full sentences, children can either write the answers on a separate page, at the back of the worksheet, or type their sentences using Microsoft Word, print and bring their answers in their Home Learning folders. Children must not forget to edit their sentences for capital letters, full stops and check for meaning. When the Home Learning focus is writing, children will be expected to produce quality writing in no more than 2 to 3 paragraphs. As always, children should use their best presentation for their Home Learning.

WOW writing will be set once every half term and this is an opportunity for *extended quality* writing. Children will have two weeks to complete each WOW task.

Spelling ~ A **spelling book** will be sent home each **Wednesday** with new spellings to be learnt by your child. This spelling book must be returned to school each **Wednesday** as spelling tests will be recorded in the back of this same book.



'Talk for Big Write' Home Learning ~ 'Big Write' sessions are independent writing sessions where the children get the chance to write and practise using the English skills we have been rehearsing in class (VCOP - descriptive vocabulary, connectives, different ways to open a sentence and punctuation). Please spend some time with your child to share their ideas about VCOP that they can use in their writing. Children are expected to use the back of the Talk for Big Write page for planning or note-making, so that they prepare ideas that they can use in their writing. This will act as a framework to structure their thinking or as a tool to help them remember to use interesting vocabulary when they write.



Maths ~ Each child will have a Maths Home Learning folder. Work will be set on a **Wednesday** and should be handed in to **Mrs Tweedale** the following **Monday**. Maths Home Learning will be differentiated and children will be expected to **complete two sections** every week. Children will be praised for their effort, not just the right answers! Please encourage your child to show their working out and use best presentation. Maths Home Learning should be completed in pencil unless otherwise stated. Children should also regularly practise their times tables and be able to recall these facts at speed.

PE / Games / Swimming / Gymnastics

Willow Class' outdoor games lessons this term will take place on **Thursdays**. Children are asked to have their full kit in school all week in case of timetable changes or Forest School sessions.



French in Willow Class

Willow Class will continue to learn French this year. Our lessons will be supported by the programme 'Tout le Monde'. C'est fantastique!

**Nous
parlons
Français!**

And finally... If you are interested in the role of Parent Councillor for Willow Class, please let us know by Monday 14th September.

Thank you in advance for your help in supporting your child so they can achieve their full potential.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks,

Mrs Tweedale & Mrs Sassis

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