



Welcome to Willow Class

Autumn 1 Newsletter



Welcome to Willow Class! We hope you have all had a wonderful summer and are ready for the new school year. We have had a fantastic start to the new term and have really enjoyed getting to know everyone. The children have adapted so well to the new routines and, like us, are raring to go! We are looking forward a fun filled year of learning with you all.

Days to Remember

Mrs Mann teaches on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs Denison teaches on Thursday and Friday.

Mrs Marjoram is our TA on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Mrs Christison teaches on a Wednesday afternoon.

PE is on Mondays and Fridays. Please come to school in your PE kits and trainers on these days.

On Fridays we will visit or 'Future Forest' for an outdoor learning focus. Please ensure children are prepared for all weathers and will need their wellies in school on Fridays.

English



The whole school have started the year studying the book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. This beautiful book is allowing us to help the children return to school and helping them talk about their thoughts and experiences from the last few months but also helping us to appreciate the wonderful world we live in. Our class focus has been on poetry and writing lyrics.

This half term we will also be looking at story writing based on the book 'Stone Age Boy'.

Stone Age

This term we are learning all about the Stone Age. We have already started and have great fun learning all about being an archaeologist with Miss Hansford. We even had a go at becoming archaeologists for one afternoon which was great fun! Alongside this we will be learning all about Rocks, soils and Fossils in Science. In Art, we will be looking closely at Stone Age Cave art and creating our own masterpieces.

We will be updating the website regularly so keep an eye out for more information on our Curriculum plans for this year.



Reading Books

Hopefully all the children have reading books at home at the moment. They may ask for a new book to take home at any point during the week, but please only return books they have finished with on a Friday. Books will then be put in to a 'quarantine' box for 72 hours before being returned to the shelves.

In order to minimise transmission between home and school we will no longer be using reading records to record when the children have read in school and for the children to record when they have read at home. We are currently in the process of working out a manageable system using Seesaw and we will provide more details shortly.

Whole Class Reading

This year we have introduced a new Whole Class Reading structure whereby we will have a 45 minute reading session every day. In this time, we will be looking at both a whole class novel and a variety of other short texts on a theme. It is in this time we will hear your child read and look closely at the different reading skills required. Our first class novel is 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King which we are really enjoying!

Maths

We will be focussing this term on Place Value and Number.

Please encourage your child to log in to TT Rockstars at home. Battles will be starting next week!

Seesaw and Contacting Us

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact the school office to arrange a telephone chat.

We are currently setting up Willow Class Seesaw account so an email with details should be sent home within the next few days.