



# Welcome to Willow Class

## Autumn 2 Newsletter



What a wonderful start to the school year we have all had. We have been so proud of how the children have settled back into school life and there is a lovely atmosphere within the class. As always, their wellbeing is hugely important to us and we are doing our utmost to ensure school is as 'normal' as possible at the moment when everything else around them is so uncertain. This newsletter should give you a little more information about the busy half term leading up to Christmas.

### 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 our '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

This term we will be looking at instructional writing with the book 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth' by Michelle Robinson and Kate Hindley.

As we approach Christmas, we will be thinking about some Christmas based English texts.

### Maths

We will be focusing this term on Addition and Subtraction and beginning to look at multiplication and division.



### Stone Age to Iron Age



This half term we are continuing with our topic on the Stone Age but also extending it to incorporate the Bronze Age and Iron Age. We have already learned a great deal but there is still so much to learn! We will be continuing our art on cave drawings, tackling a sewing project and looking closely at some of the animals that lived at this time. Alongside this we will be continuing our science with rocks and soil experiments and having a close look at fossils.

We have lots of fun, practical lessons planned so this promises to be another great half term of 'The Stone Age'.

### Reading at home



Please continue to read as much as possible with your child at home. They are still able to take books home when they need to but remember to return the completed books on Fridays, so they can be quarantined for 72 hours. We would still really like to hear about what the children are reading at home so please encourage your child to let us know through Seesaw. They can write a note, post a video or photo and will be given dojos for letting us know. If they could do this once a week that would be great.

### Times Tables

TT Rockstars is up and running and the children have times tables set every week and then a little test on Friday to check their progress. Please practise as much as possible at home as knowing their times tables will help them enormously now and in their future years at school. Year 4s are expected to know all their time tables (up to 12) by the end of this year.

### Spellings

Spellings are taught in class on a Monday and then posted on Seesaw to practise throughout the week. Again, please practise as much as you can as the children have some really tricky spelling rules to learn.

### Topic Homework

For something a little different to do at home, we have put together a list of twelve topic-based and varied activities for the children to choose from. These will be sent out in a homework book on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November. The homework books can then be kept at home until the end of the Autumn term when we will take them in over the Christmas holidays to look at and to prepare for the Spring Term. We expect at least three activities to be completed over the half term but the children can choose to complete more if they wish to.

### Thank you

Thank you for joining us on our 'Zoom Parent's Evening'. Although a little different over zoom, it was lovely to meet and chat to you about your children. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us through Seesaw or the school office to arrange a telephone chat.