



Looking forward

Welcome back after a festive winter break! We are looking forward to kick starting this term off with our topic 'The Greatest Explorers'. There are many exciting events that we are looking forward to this term, including our Science topic 'Animal Kingdom' where we will be able to learn about lots of new animals and explore habitats in our Forest school and Garden. We are also really looking forward to learning about great explorers from the past and finding out about how they are different to great



English

In English the children will be focusing on listening to a range of different books including both fiction and non-fiction texts. They will learn and innovate texts such as 'The Lion Inside'. We will be practising our writing skills including writing recounts, sets of instructions and stories. We will also continue to develop our handwriting skills.

Maths

In Maths we will be covering a range of areas including place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, shape, money, measures, data handling, time and fractions. Number formation is also very important. Please support your child in practising these skills in their homework.



Science

Our Science topics for this term will begin with learning all about 'Everyday Materials'. The children will also be able to explore the changes that take place in Spring. We will then be focusing on our next Science topic 'The Animal Kingdom'.



Topic

Our topic this term is 'The Greatest Explorers'. The children will be looking at great explorers from the past and from the present. They will compare the differences and similarities from explorers from the past and present and look at the history overtime.



RE

The first unit that we will be covering in RE this term is 'What does it mean to belong to a faith community?' For this unit we will be focusing on belonging. We will then go on to look at 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?' Here we will learn all about the Easter story.



PSHE

For PSHE this term, we will continue to focus on our zones of regulation. This will help us to manage and regulate our feelings. We will also be learning about 'Safety and the changing body, and 'Citizenship'.



General Class Information

Every child in Willow class will be given an independent reading book at their reading level. Please read with your child as regularly as possible as this makes a huge difference in all areas of their learning. Please aim to read with your child at least 10 minutes on a daily basis and also remember to record in your child's reading diaries when you have read to ensure that they don't miss out on the reward of a free book once their bookmark is completed.

P.E. will take place on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that your child comes ready in the correct clothes for this.

Our Forest School sessions will take place on a Monday afternoon. Please can you also ensure that your child comes into school with their Forest school clothes ready for this. The children will need to come prepared for all weathers!

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Natasha Lloyd

