



Willow Class - Autumn Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Willow class! I hope everyone had a relaxing summer break and that we are all ready to be back at school. Myself and Miss Bower are very much looking forward to a successful year ahead. This newsletter will outline your child's learning over the Autumn term.

Our **topic** for terms 1 and 2 is '**Home sweet home**' which will provide a wealth of learning opportunities for the children. Our history, geography, art, design and technology and music will be taught through this theme. Children will have exciting opportunities to look at homes within the village, as well as design and make their own model of a house!

In **literacy** we will engage in a range of **reading, writing, speaking and listening** activities, using carefully selected picture books as a stimulus. Our first book this year will be '**Man on the Moon**'. The children will read with me once a week in guided reading. We also teach **phonics** every day, to support and develop children's reading and writing. For those children who are secure with phonics, we will be teaching **SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar)** daily for 20 minutes.

In **maths** we will be starting by securing our number knowledge by looking at **place value**. Then we will move on to **addition, subtraction, multiplication and division**. We will spend time looking at **shapes and symmetry** before tackling **units of measure** (length, mass, capacity, temperature and time) later on in the term. In term 2 we will be working on **fractions** and **data handling** where the children will present data in the form of pictograms, tally charts, block graphs and tables.

For **science** we will spend terms 1 and 2 looking at the 'use of everyday materials'. We will look at different everyday materials and what they are used for. The children will be taught to identify and compare the suitability of a variety of materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses.

P.E lessons will take place every Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit with them on both days. If your child wears earrings, they will need to be taken out for PE and long hair should be tied back.

From September 2017 **Religious Education (RE)** will be following the Kent Agreed Syllabus (KAS) which incorporates the new resource "Understanding Christianity". Each unit has a key question which is developed over a school term. Key questions are also being developed for other faiths that are part of the KAS. In Terms 1 and 2 our key questions to explore are: 'Who made the world?' (Christianity) and 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'

If you have any questions or queries, please either catch me on the playground or make an appointment at the office.

Kind regards

Miss Leneghan