

# Willow Class Spring Newsletter



Welcome back to Willow Class. It has been lovely to see the children back in school and hearing about their lovely Christmas break. This newsletter gives you a brief guide to the highlights this term. If you have any queries at any time, please do ask me.

## Our learning this term

We have begun the term by looking at forces and how they affect the world around us. This will be followed by a topic on the the solar system (*Earth and Beyond*). Finally, *Terrible Tudors* will be a look at one of the more exciting periods in our history. In *RE* we began by looking at the *Christmas Story*. We will find out more about *Judaism* before moving on to a topic about *Revelation*, where we will find out more about John the Baptist. *English* this term focuses on *Recounts*, *Narrative Poetry* and *Short Story Writing*. Our *Grammar* work is looking at how to make the opening of paragraphs interesting together with using and punctuating clauses in sentences. *Maths* lessons continue to follow the new National Curriculum. We began the term by measuring and constructing angles and circles. As ever, it is vital that the children know their *times tables* up to 12 x 12 by heart. This underpins so much of the fraction, percentage and division work we do in Year 5. Another very busy term!

## GAMES LESSONS

It is really important that the children should have a **spare pair of socks in school** in case their feet get wet during outdoor games this term.

Also, they are welcome to bring in a tracksuit but this should be plain dark blue or black.

Please make sure the children have a school PE kit in school at all times. It will be sent home for washing each half term.

## Pencil Cases

If they wish to do so, the children may bring a small pencil case that fits neatly in their drawer leaving room for school essentials! This can contain a pencil, blue handwriting pen, ruler, rubber and pencil sharpener. If room, they are welcome to bring a few colouring pencils, gel pens or felt tips. They can also bring a protractor if they would like, but this is not essential.

## Spelling

Lists are sent home weekly. It's so important that the children practise these throughout the week – rather than as a one off - so your encouragement to do so is greatly appreciated.

## Reading

Reading is obviously an essential skill for the children to continue to develop. Please encourage your child to read their school reading book regularly, alongside all other the reading material and books they have at home and from the library. Children will now be visiting the *library* on a *Thursday* instead of Friday, so need to remember to bring back any books they have borrowed, if they would like a new one, on that day.

**Homework Reminder** ... Both *Maths* and *English* homework will generally be set on a *Thursday or Friday* for return the following *Wednesday*. There may also be a short piece of spelling work each week. All homework will relate to and, generally, be a consolidation of class work. Some homework will be computer based, so if your child does not have access to a computer, do let me know so that we can make arrangements for them to do it in school. Occasionally, there will be an additional piece of homework relating to our current topic.

**Letters** The children have been reminded that they need to take any letters for school, out of their book bags in the morning and place them in the tray for the office. This generally works very well, but it would be really helpful if you could make sure that they know if there is a letter they need to pass on.