



Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello and welcome back! I hope that you all had a lovely, relaxing summer break and that you're all ready for another successful school year. I am thoroughly looking forward to starting my teaching career with Willow Class and am excited to see what the year brings.

I would like to take this opportunity to give you some information about this upcoming term. During the Autumn Term we will be exploring the topic 'Conflict: Then and Now'. As this year marks the centenary of the end of World War One, we will be studying this important period of history and making comparisons to more current conflicts. Attached is our topic overview which gives you an idea of what areas of the curriculum we will be focussing on this term and how they link to the topic.

In the first half term we are lucky enough to have a coach coming in to teach the Willow Class how to play tag rugby. These PE sessions will take place every Thursday afternoon and will be outside. Please make sure that your child has their PE kit ready for every session so we can ensure that they are able to participate. This includes suitable trainers and a sweatshirt. Pupils have been given each a peg in the cloakroom so they will be able to keep their PE kits in school during the week. In the second half of the term, our PE sessions will be athletics based and will take place indoors as the temperature begins to dip.

Homework projects will be set on a termly basis and will be based on the topic. A range of tasks have been set for pupils which are designed to develop a better understanding of our topic. This term, the activities range from creating a time-travelling journal, to designing an emergency supply pack. Please keep in mind that some areas in our theme can be sensitive and it is always good to make sure you have the appropriate parental filters on your internet. Pupils will need to complete 4 projects over the course of the term. These will then be collected and displayed in our homework gallery underneath our topic display. On **Wednesday 5th of December**, we will have a project showcase to give pupil to share their creations with their classmates and parents. I'm looking forward to see our topic area grow!

Below are the expectations for homework:

Homework Type	When it is set and its regularity	Due
Reading	Ongoing – read at least 4 times a week and record this in the reading record.	Checked in class regularly throughout the week.
Spelling	New spelling lists will be given out every Wednesday.	Dictation activity every Wednesday morning.
Maths	Ongoing – practice number facts, especially times table facts.	Tested in class regularly throughout the week.
Topic	Set at the start of term – pick 4 projects to complete.	Finished projects can be finished whenever they are completed.

If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me. I am excited to meet you all and get to know you and your children over the course of the year. Looking forward to an exciting Autumn Term!

Kind regards

Miss Davis-Butler

Willow Class Teacher