

# Willow Summer Term Newsletter

Welcome back to the Summer term.



## Upcoming Events

### Reminders

Summer 1 half term begins: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Half term holiday begins: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

INSET Day: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Summer 2 half term begins: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Last day of term: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July (early finish)

Our PE day is Wednesday (outside). Please provide your child with jogging bottoms/shorts, a house-coloured t-shirt, a sweatshirt and trainers. Please make sure all items are named.

When you read at home with your child, please make a note of it in their yellow, reading record. Please let us know if your child has finished their book so we can provide them with a new one.

As a reminder:

On Monday, the reading books are brought back to school. On Tuesday, new books are handed out. On Thursday, the reading books are handed back in. On Friday, new books are handed out for the weekend.

Homework is handed out every Friday and due back in on the following Wednesday. Please ensure that your child's spelling book is kept in their homework folder so that we can record their scores for you.

We encourage the children to drink water throughout the day so please send them to school with a water bottle.

**Literacy:** This term, we will be reading 'Handa's Surprise' and will be describing the setting using adjectives, metaphors and similes. The children will also write their own non-fiction books about arthropods, with a focus on a factual style of writing, labels and captions. Towards the end of the first term, the children will be learning about castles and writing for different purposes. The children will be exploring a range of poems, searching for rhyming words and alliteration. They will also write their own poems with a focus on using adjectives. Towards the end of the Summer term, the children will be reading a range of traditional tales, comparing the settings, events and characters of each. They will then plan, write and edit their own traditional tale.

**Maths:** This term we will be revising counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s when counting large amounts. The children will be encouraged to use these skills to solve simple, multiplication word problems. We will once again revisit solving division word problems, drawing pictures to help us solve them. The children will be measuring in centimetres and weighing various classroom objects. As always, we will continue adding and subtracting, both mentally and using written methods. We will also apply these same skills when working with money.

**Geography:** This term, we are learning the United Kingdom, its countries, capital cities and flags. We will also be learning about each country within the UK, its landmarks, modes of transport and what makes it unique. At the end of the unit, we will be comparing England with Brazil.

**History:** This term, we are learning about castles. The children will be learning about the different types of castles that have been built over time and those that are still standing today. They will also learn why castles were useful and draw similarities and differences between the castles they have learnt about. They will also learn about the Battle of Hastings and will place each of the events in chronological order.

**RE:** This half term, the children will be learning about Judaism. They will learn about the celebrations of Hanukkah and Shabbat and its' significance to Jewish people. We will also draw comparisons between the Jewish and Christian faith with regards to celebrations and the significance of particular days of the week.

**Science:** This term, the children will be learning about the seasons of Spring and Summer. They will be observing, discussing and recording the changes they find in relation to plants, animals and the weather. We will also be learning about the different parts of a plant, as well as planting our own bean seeds and observing their changes. Towards the end of the term, the children will be learning about different materials, drawing comparisons between them and their uses, as well as planning and conducting investigations.

**Art:** This half term, we will be exploring the work of many different artists and the way in which they used colour in their work. We will be exploring the work of: Mondrian, Rothko, Klee, Pollock and Kandinsky and creating art work in the style of these artists. The children will also use the skills they have learnt, to sketch and paint animals of the Amazon Rainforest, as well as the African grasslands, silhouettes and castles.

**DT:** This term, the children will be building their own castle. They will have the opportunity to plan and label their design, as well as make their castle. The children will draw on the skills they have learnt throughout the unit, to help them construct their homes (cutting, folding, rolling, gluing, taping, adjusting.....)