



Willow Class

Autumn 2 2017

Wow! Dare I say it's the run down to Christmas? It's all go!

Quick reminders:

- The Children's own pencil cases – they have been asked that they can fit in their trays as this avoids things being mislaid and left around the classroom. The objects in these pencil cases are the children's, and so are their responsibility.
- Please can the children have a labelled water bottle to remain hydrated throughout the day. They can have these on the tables and are also their own responsibility.
- Please label their clothes. Lots of the children are mislaying their jumpers, ties, socks, shirts etc. and it makes it a lot easier to return them if they are labelled. We have a box in the classroom that, if any pieces of uniform are left in the classroom at the end of the day, they are stored in there.
- Our P.E. lessons will be on a Tuesday, so they will need to remember their P.E. uniform to get changed into on that day.
- We are swimming on a Friday. The children can wear their P.E. kits for ease of changing after.
- Because of swimming, we need to change our music lessons to a Thursday; so please bring the ukuleles in on Thursdays.

Team Captains

Our Team Captains are:

Darwin: Ruby-May and George

Nesbit: Marley and Lydia

Churchill: Evie and Tyler

They have been doing a fantastic job! They have held their own assemblies, and carried out sport challenges.

Maths

In maths we are covering fractions, measurement, shape and data. Please continue to practise: times tables, time and directions at home. These are easy talking topics that highlight how important these topics are in everyday life.

English

This term we are looking at a lovely book: 'The Princess' Blankets' by Carol Ann Duffy. Already the children are enjoying the mystic and magic of this engaging text. After our cinema trip in a couple of weeks, we will be moving onto newspaper articles.

Topic

Due to the interest and the fantastic Tudor houses you all made, we are continuing with Tudors this term. We will be focussing on Tudor schools and then onto Tudor feasts.

We are hoping to hold our own Tudor Christmas feast. The children are learning a Tudor dance in P.E. to perform; they will also be making parts of costumes; hopefully some Tudor treats; and some other forms of entertainments.

We will be using this to influence our art, continuing with fine painting. D.T. projects with costumes, and – of course – Christmas decorations.

Our science is Earth and Space, and, already, the children have come up with some fantastic questions for us to explore.

Homework

Please continue to read with your child at home, they can read a book from home of their choice. We will be choosing a book from the classroom to have in their tray for reading in school; and our library day is on a Thursday for them to take a book out from there. Please continue to use this as a means of contacting me as well, if you have a question regarding homework or reading. The children need to write in these at least 5 times – this could be by themselves or a family member they have read with.

The reading passports will have been set with this week's homework and is due on the week before the end of term.

We will be continuing with our homework being set on a Wednesday and returning on a Monday. We remind the children that we are available on a Thursday and Friday lunchtime if they have any questions.

For spellings: I have sent home a set of words. On a Monday, Mrs Thompson and I will choose 10 random words from these lists for our spelling check. Any questions, please do ask.



Miss Buxton and Mrs Thompson

