

Willow Class Newsletter

Spring Term 2024

Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to the spring term. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and thank you so much for all the thoughtful and kind gifts.

A reminder that the gate will be open each morning at 8:40am and closed at 8:50am. The gate will be opened at 3:20pm at the end of the day and will remain open for 10 minutes.

Our project for this term is geography based and titled...

"Wheels, Wings and Water"

Our key concepts are: **belonging, compassion, and poverty**. The overview has been attached so you can see the areas of the curriculum we will be covering.

In addition to this, we will also be looking forward to our Easter celebration assembly (date TBC).

PE

As in the autumn term, please could children wear their PE kits to school on a Monday and Wednesday. Children should wear **plain black** (no logos) shorts or tracksuit bottoms, a PE t-shirt in their house colour and a **plain black** (no logos) sweatshirt or their school jumper. Please ensure hair is tied back and that children do not wear earrings or watches on these days. Please label your child's sweatshirt with their name.

As the weather is still so changeable, please make sure your child always has a waterproof coat in school to keep them covered and warm. We go outside in all weathers.

It is also advisable that children wear a school jumper daily as we try to keep the door or window open to let fresh air into the classroom.

In KS1, children are provided with a healthy snack each break time, usually pears, oranges, apples or bananas. However, if your child wishes to they can bring in their own snack.

This must be a healthy alternative such as fruit, cereal bars, and raisins.

Children should have a named water bottle in school every day.

At Home Activities

Children are expected to read at home with an adult and have their reading diary signed **at least 3 times a week**. Reading diaries are checked on a Monday morning to see how many times they have been read with. Please make sure your child has their reading record and reading books in school every day so we can read with them. Guided reading books will be collected and changed on a Friday. Please also make sure book bingo books are being signed off so that we can swap them over.

Please continue with the phonics that is sent home on a Friday, it is making a big difference to the children's learning! Please also continue to practise reading and writing the tricky words that are sent home.

Termly Project

Please choose **one** of the following project tasks to complete this term and return to school to share with the class on **the week beginning 18th March**.

1. Where do you belong in your family? Can you make a family tree to show your family and where you belong? (Key concept link – belonging).
2. Think about how you can show compassion. Can you create a poster to show some of the different ways that you can show compassion to the people around you? (Key concept link – compassion).
3. This term we are going to be learning all about different countries. Can you design and create a flag for your very own country.

Important Dates

Back To School – Monday 08th January 2024

Wellbeing Week – Week Beginning Monday 05th February 2024

Wear Yellow Day – Monday 05th February 2024

Essex Therapy Dogs Visit – Tuesday 06th February 2024

Half Term – Week beginning 19th February 2024

Back To School – Tuesday 27th February 2024

Author Visit – Wednesday 06th March 2024

Parents Evening – Wednesday 06th March 2024

Parents Evening – Thursday 07th March 2024

World Book Day (Theme to be announced) – Thursday 07th March 2024

Last Day Of Term – Thursday 28th March 2024

Easter Service – Date TBC

If you have any questions or queries please do feel free to ask

Thank you for all your continued support

Miss Greed, Miss Codd and Mrs Wyatt