

# Willow Newsletter Autumn 2



## Important Information

Day	Timings of day	
Monday <b>Mrs Booth</b>	8.45am – 3.15pm	Reading extract sent home. <b>PE</b> - Please come to school in PE kit, with hair tied up and earrings removed/or tape to cover.
Tuesday <b>Mrs Booth</b>	8.45am – 3.15pm	<b>SWIMMING</b> Please come to school in PE kit, with hair tied up and earrings removed/or tape to cover. Don't forget to bring your swimming things too!
Wednesday <b>Mrs Booth</b>	8.45am – 3.15pm	
Thursday <b>Miss Eddershaw</b>	8.45am – 3.15pm	
Friday <b>Mrs Booth</b>	8.45am – 3.15pm	

## Dates for your diary

- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – INSET
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Return to school
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Anti Bullying Week
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Jorvik Trip
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - Writing competition closes
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Scholastic book fair in school (more information to follow)
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Carol Concert (church) 11am
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Panto visit (village hall)
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December - INSET

## Expectations

- **Reading** – The children will come home each Monday with an extract appropriate for their age group. We will be studying this extract in our whole class reading sessions throughout the week. Please encourage your child to read this extract aloud to you to practice their fluency. From Tuesday onwards each week the children will be reading sections of this extract aloud in class so please ensure they have it with them.
- **School uniform** – Please check that all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled so that they can be returned to him/her if they go missing. There are some 'lost property' pegs in the cloakroom where staff will put all unlabelled items of clothing.

## Ways to Help your Child

- **Reading** – Children are expected to read at least 4 times a week and record this in their learning logs. In addition to the whole class extract, which your child will bring home on a Monday, they will also have a library book. They may or may not need your support accessing this book as it will be one they have chosen themselves based on their interests. Please help them with this and enjoy reading it together. Children will be encouraged to change their reading books independently when they are ready however adult support and guidance will be available for those that request it.

- **Times tables** – Children will need to use Times Table Rockstars at home 3 times a week. All children have a login for this programme which is a fabulous resource to help children learn their tables <https://trockstars.com/>
- **Spelling** - We have started working our way through the statutory spelling lists for each year group. Willow’s spellings for autumn term 1 are listed below. When we return to school after the half term break we will test the children on these spellings.

accommodate	accompany	according	category	cemetery	committee
determined	develop	dictionary	foreign	forty	frequently
lightning	marvellous	mischievous	profession	programme	pronunciation
sincerely	soldier	stomach			

We will continue focus on three spellings each week in class this half term but could you please continue to practice these at home. The full year 5/6 spelling list can be found in the learning logs as can the non-negotiable spelling word lists. The words below are the ones we will look at between now and Christmas.

achieve	communicate	disastrous	government	muscle	queue
sufficient	aggressive	community	embarrass	guarantee	necessary
recognise	suggest	amateur	competition	environment	harass
neighbour	recommend	symbol			

**What we will be learning this term**

<p><b>English our class text-</b> Station Cat by Stephen Hogtun</p> <p>Additional texts: Invasion of Crooked Oak by Dan Smith</p> <p><b>Focus Text genres</b> – Non-chronological report, narrative and persuasive letter.</p>	<p><b>Maths Concepts covered-</b> Multiplication and Division Fractions</p> <p><b>As the children should know all their times tables by this point practising building up their speed of recall would be beneficial. Focus on those tables your child struggles to recall quickly. Please ask if you are unsure where to start with this.</b></p>
<p><b>Other Curricular areas:</b></p> <p>This half term our history focus will continue to be the conflict between the Vikings and Anglo Saxons. We have covered many aspects linked to the Viking invasion of Lindisfarne and will be moving the focus of our learning to the Anglo-Saxon kings and battles between the two groups. In November, we will be visiting Jorvik in York to deepen our understanding of the Vikings and their way of life. In Science, we will conclude our work on ‘Are animals in Danger?’ and move on to look at Earth and Space. As part of our work, we will find out about how our planet moves in relation to the sun and moon along with studying astronauts, Helen Sharman and Tim Peake.</p> <p>In Geography, our learning will continue to focus on the continent of South America and in particular Brazil. The children have been working hard to research and produce powerpoints which we hope to share with other classes in school during this half term. In Design Technology we will be looking at a range of savoury dishes and designing, making and evaluating our own. We will continue to work through Our Happy Mind units and practising our happy breathing techniques. PSHE will look at Celebrating Difference and Miss Eddershaw will continue to teach Spanish during her time in class on a Thursday.</p>	

In PE we will continue our swimming sessions on a Tuesday morning and be taking part in the Joy of Movement programme lead by Rotherham United Community Trust on a Monday afternoon in school.

### Useful Websites

Website	Resources
<a href="http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk">www.activelearnprimary.co.uk</a>	A variety of colour banded eBooks allocated to your child individually
<a href="http://www.harthillprimary.co.uk">http://www.harthillprimary.co.uk</a>	Showcasing your child's learning with photographs and information like the school's Calculation policy. (Go to Key information. Curriculum. Maths)
<a href="http://www.topmarks.co.uk">www.topmarks.co.uk</a>	A variety of activities across all subjects. Click on select an age group then key stage 2. Your child will recognise some of these games as we use them in class e.g. hit the button.
<a href="https://trockstars.com/">https://trockstars.com/</a>	Times table rockstars - Your children will be familiar with this website as we will be using it in school. <b>Try to use this 3x a week at home.</b>

### Note from the Willow team

Thank you for all your support last half term. It was certainly a long one and we hope you have all managed to have a well-deserved rest over half term.

We are looking forward the term ahead and although the run up to Christmas is always slightly crazy it is magical as well 😊. On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November we have our class trip to Jorvik which we know the children will love. We also have the return of the Scholastic book fair in school before Christmas gets underway with a Carol Concert in church, Christmas dinner, Panto and of course the Christmas performance at the Village Hall. The children will be working hard in preparation for our Christmas production and we will get more information to you about this asap.

As ever, please don't hesitate to contact school if you have any questions or concerns and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Have a great half term, from the Willow team 😊