

Willow Newsletter Summer 1



Important Information

Day	Timings of day	
Monday Mrs Booth	8.45am – 3.15pm	Reading extract sent home.
Tuesday Mrs Booth	8.45am – 3.15pm	PE Please come to school in PE kit, with hair tied up and earrings removed/or tape to cover.
Wednesday Mrs Booth	8.45am – 3.15pm	
Thursday Miss Eddershaw	8.45am – 3.15pm	PE - Please come to school in PE kit, with hair tied up and earrings removed/or tape to cover.
Friday Mrs Booth	8.45am – 3.15pm	

Dates for your diary

- Monday 14th April – return to school
- Tuesday 15th April – Class photos
- Tuesday 15th April – Kiveton library visit (9.15 – 10.45)
- Friday 18th April – Bank holiday (Good Friday)
- Monday 21st April – Bank holiday (Easter Monday)
- Monday 5th May – Bank holiday
- Tuesday 6th May – Kiveton library visit (9.15 – 10.45)
- Thursday 22nd May – last day of term
- Friday 23rd May – INSET
- Monday 2nd June – INSET
- Tuesday 3rd June – return to school

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 are continuing to work our way through the statutory spelling lists for each year group. Willow's spellings for spring term 2 are listed below. The children will be tested on these during the first week back (please note there are only 15 words to learn due to the shortness of the half term)

attached convenience especially immediately opportunity rhythm twelfth
 available correspond exaggerate individual parliament sacrifice
 variety average

We will focus on three more spellings each week in class over the first half of the summer term. Please continue to practice these at home with your child. 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 May half term:

criticise excellent interfere persuade secretary vegetable
 awkward curiosity existence interrupt physical shoulder
 vehicle bargain definite explanation language prejudice

What we will be learning this term

<p>English our class text- The Highwayman (Alfred Noyse)</p> <p>Additional texts: Jacub's Otter (Coral Rumble)</p> <p>Focus Text genres – Narrative, diary entry.</p>	<p>Maths Concepts covered-</p> <p>Statistics Shape Position and direction</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Other Curricular areas:</p> <p>During the first half of the summer term, the children will be working on their cricketing skills during PE sessions. After developing our skills, we will be playing small games of cricket using our Sports Education programme where the children will have specific roles within their teams. Our music sessions will involve the children composing their own music to accompany a spooky story using the online platform Charanga. In science, we will continue to focus on Electricity and use our growing knowledge of circuits to complete some mini challenges as well as finishing our steady hand games. Before the half term break, we will also start to look at different states of matter and how to separate these.</p> <p>In history we will be thinking about the English Civil War. The children will find out about the Royalists and the Parliamentarians, key battles which made up the war and the resulting abolition of the monarchy. In geography, our focus returns to the continent of South America and specifically the effects humans have had on the forests there. We will continue our PSHE work through the My Happy Mind programme as well as thinking about relationships through our JIGSAW scheme of work.</p> <p>In art we will be looking at the Art Deco Movement from the 1920s and creating work in readiness for Rotherham's Picture This project later in the year.</p>	

Useful Websites

Website	Resources
www.activelearnprimary.co.uk	A variety of colour banded eBooks allocated to your child individually
http://www.harthillprimary.co.uk	Showcasing your child's learning with photographs and information like the school's Calculation policy. (Go to Key information. Curriculum. Maths)
www.topmarks.co.uk	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.
https://trockstars.com/	Times table rockstars - Your children will be familiar with this website as we will be using it in school. Try to use this 3x a week at home.

Note from the Willow team

Thank you for your ongoing support over the last half term.

As part of our PSHE lessons during the summer term, the children will be working through the 'Changing Me' unit. The children will learn about puberty for boys and girls and conception. Parents have the right to withdraw their child from lesson 4: 'Conception' should they wish. A letter explaining how to do this will be sent home at the start of the summer term.

The children have really enjoyed both out trips to the library in Kiveton and we have planned in more visits (please see list of dates at the top of the newsletter). Please let me know if you are able to support with transport for any of the dates listed. The library ask that books borrowed are returned or renewed within 3 weeks. Renewing books can be done online. Sadly, we are unable to visit the library every 3 weeks from school so please be mindful of this.

We have started reading some of the books from the Sparks book awards shortlist. Currently we are enjoying Tom Palmer's, Angel of Grasmere. Well done to all those children who complete their learning logs each week with their weekly reads. Please let me know if your child needs a new learning log as there are some which I haven't seen for a while. They are also allowed to complete the learning logs themselves so please encourage them to do so.

We hope that you all have a lovely break and look forward to seeing you all again when we return to school.

As ever, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

Team Willow 😊