

Welcome!

Welcome back after the summer break and to the start of a new and exciting school year! I have lots of exciting things planned to help your child along the next part of their learning journey. I am lucky to have Mrs Raison working with me Monday –Thursday and Mrs Montanjees on a Friday so your children will have lots of opportunities to learn inside and outside with an adult. If you have time in the week and would like to come in and help us please see me. The children love it when extra adults come in to help them.

PE

We will do PE twice a week on a Monday & a Thursday. Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school all week. The children will need warm clothes and footwear suitable for outside PE. Girls don't forget a change of socks for when you have tights on. All jewellery should be removed before school. Your child will need the same colour t shirt as last year. We will try to locate any lost items but please name everything! I will return PE kits to you half termly to be washed.



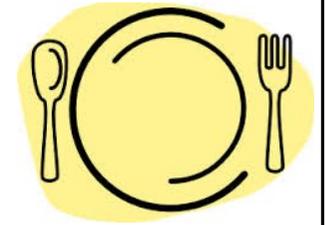
Water

Water bottles should be in school every day. They can be left in the yellow box labelled 'Water Bottles'. Please ensure that they are named! Packed lunches should be left in the red box and should be clearly named too please. Our class café has water, milk and fruit daily. Water and cups are provided by the school at lunchtimes.



School Dinners

School Dinners are FREE for Year 1 children but please let us know on a Monday if your child is NOT having a school dinner at some point in the week. If they don't have a packed lunch I will assume they are school dinner.



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Year 1 children Autumn 2016



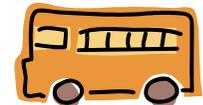
We are collecting clean cardboard and plastic etc. to be used for junk modelling. If you have any other resources that may be useful please bring it in...especially seasonal natural resources for our mud kitchen, herbs, flowers, conkers etc.

Hometime

There is a white board on the wall just inside the classroom door for you to write down if someone different is collecting your child from school.

Bus children

For children who travel home on the bus, please notify us in writing of any changes to their normal routine.



Supporting your child

It is very important that you continue to support your child's learning at home. They will bring home a reading book and reading record which should be filled in each time you read with your child. We encourage your child to change their books themselves BUT let me know if they continually forget. I will be sending home your child's next steps, please let me know if they do anything at home to support these. Homework for Year 1 children will be given out on a Monday. Spellings will be tested on a Monday. It may include handwriting, number work or an activity linked to our topic. All tasks will be short, simple to follow and hopefully fun!



Topic

Our topic this term is 'Pirates'. We have an action packed term so I can only fit in a few things we will be doing. We will be designing our own pirate flag, describing and naming Pirates and kitting them out with special clothes. We are going to learn Pirate poems and songs with alliteration and rhyme. We are going to learn about famous Pirates from history. We are going to look at Pirate ships and what they are made from and learn about the seas they may travel in. We are going to learn about what the pirates ate on the ships. We are going to make and use Pirate treasure maps. We are going to read *The Night Pirates*, *Pirates love Underpants*, *Mungo and the Picture Book Pirates* and *The Troll*. In ICT we are going to use the Bee-bots to move around a treasure map and our PE dance sessions will have a Pirate theme too.

We are child-lead in Willow Class so there will be many more things happening linked to what your child enjoys and would like to learn more about.

English

Our work in English this term will focus on using phonics to help read and spell words, as well as daily phonic sessions. The children will be focusing on writing sentences and using punctuation correctly to write facts about Pirates and write stories and labels.

They will take part in guided reading sessions to improve their reading fluency and comprehension skills. We will be having regular handwriting sessions to develop letter formation.

Mathematics

In Maths we will be strengthening our number recognition especially place value. We will be adding and subtracting, working with money, shape and measures. We will be looking at doubling and halving as well as solving simple number problems. We will also be looking at what things can help us in Maths and the best way to use them, for example number lines and number squares.

And finally...

Please feel free to chat briefly with any member of the Willow class team before school. We are happy to answer any questions that you may have. If more time is needed please arrange an appointment with me after school.

Thank you for your support
Mrs Macro

