



## The Final Term!



I hope that you have all managed to have a lovely break from school in the sunshine, recharged and ready to go. We are now entering what is our final term! For our Year 1 children this will be the end of 2 years together in Willow class. How time flies! We are very fortunate that transition will be made so much easier for the children by the fact that we will all still be working closely next year in our super continuous provision environment.

We all enjoyed a term filled with lots of learning about animals, exploring the differences between parts of Africa and Corby and much more. The children continue to explore the different activities on offer, the garden is really evolving now and we look forward to lots more bug hunting this term.

As we move on to our 'castle' quest we hope to inspire the children to think about the past and how times have changed. I think we are all very much excited about our Rockingham castle visit!

## Significant Person

This term we will be finding out about Queen Victoria.



Queen Victoria was born 24 May 1819. Aged 18 she became Queen of Great Britain and she went on to rule for 63 years – at the time – she was the longest-serving Monarch in Europe. She ruled through a period of British imperialism with the British Empire expanding and she became Empress of India. She came to epitomise an era of social conservatism and economic expansion.

Please support your child in finding out as much as they can about this famous monarch over the coming weeks.

**Class: Willow**

**Term: 6**



## Quest Homework ideas

Maths homework will be set this term via MyMaths every Friday, to be completed by the following Friday. Daily reading is also an important part of your child's homework. If you can, please pop a note in your child's reading record to show that you have read together. We also ask the Year 1 children to practice spellings as part of their homework. There is a list of spellings for each week that you will be able to find on TEAMS. In addition to this, please see some ideas below to support the learning for our Quest theme:

- Spend some time researching castles in the United Kingdom. Where are they? How are they alike? How are they different?
- Create a castle from lego, junk modelling or any other type of construction. Can you research then include some of the features e.g. battlements, portcullis etc?
- Research a King or Queen from the past and find facts about them.
- Write a description of a famous palace or castle .

## Warmer Weather



As I write this letter it seems as though summer has finally arrived! Please ensure that your child has a **clearly named** sun hat in school that they can keep in school. You may also send in **clearly named** sun cream for your child to apply however please note that staff will not be allowed to apply this for children. The children will be able to access their water bottles at any point throughout the school day and regular drink stops are timetabled. Please also ensure that jumpers and fleeces are clearly named as children are likely to take these off during the school day.

## Quest: I'm the King of the Castle

Our quest this term will be to find out about the historical significance of Rockingham Castle. We will begin with a visit to the castle which promises to be very exciting. Following on from this, the children will learn about who has lived in the castle over the centuries and it's significance in royal life throughout the years.

## PE



The PE days for Willow class will be **Monday**s and **Friday**s. These will be the days that the children will need to wear their PE kit to school. Mr Stafford will teach the children PE every Monday and the children will continue to receive coaching from our friends at Corby Tennis Centre every Friday.

## Collective Worship

With the slight easing of some co-vid restrictions, Willow class will begin to join with Ash class in the hall for worship for some of our daily acts of collective worship this term. This will allow the children to experience the 'coming together' for this special time that they have missed out on this year. Our focus this term will be our values of trust and community. Together we will be unpacking what this means to us as individuals and what the Bible says about it. Each act of worship incorporates a hymn/some music for reflection plus the opportunity for children to share their 'rainbow' prayers.