

## Welcome Back

Welcome back, we hope that you have all managed to enjoy a lovely half-term break and some well earned time away from school work. The children have settled so well, getting to know routines and expectations and building relationships. This was all key to the first few weeks, enabling children to feel a sense of belonging. We feel that this has been really embedded and it feels like they have been with us forever.

Building on this brilliant start we will be looking forward to lots more learning opportunities.

Last term we enjoyed our learning about artists and trying out many different art techniques.

This term we have lots of super learning opportunities, this will include some celebrations of course! There will be Bonfire night, Diwali and of course Christmas.

We will be exploring China, finding out about living things and their habitats and even trying our hand at cooking skills.

We will continue to use our wonderful continuous provision to learn through play as well as taking part in guided focus work. The Forest School area has been a great place for groups of children to explore and we have recognized many benefits to using this great resource. The children will continue to use Forest School through the winter. If you have preferred outdoor clothing or this activity then please send this in

## Colder Weather

Now that the weather is getting colder, please ensure that your child has appropriate outdoor clothing, we are out in all weathers and some children choose to spend much of their time outdoors.

We have noticed that some of the children are not keen on our forest school outer clothing. If you do have any waterproof trousers/coats that they would be happier to wear then please do send them in.

**Class: Willow EYFS**

**Term: 2**

## Reading at Home

Hopefully, you have by now got into a rhythm of reading regularly at home. We cannot express enough, the importance of reading and being read to in the early years.

Your child should be bringing home a book matched to their reading level or phonic sounds, a book for you to enjoy at bedtime and also a sound mat to practice sounds at home. Some children may have sound blending pictures or a pack of sound blending words to support this learning. Please make a note of your child's reading progress in the record book provided. We encourage home reading daily.

## Quest: Let's Go to China

The quest this term is based on 'Understanding the World'. We will begin with a day in which the children are immersed in Chinese culture. They will have the opportunity to try Chinese food, dancing and listen to Chinese music. The children will learn to recognize what is the same and what is different about people, places and culture, linked to our local area and China.



## Collective Worship

This term we will be exploring the value of **respect and empathy** through our collective worship. We will also be marking remembrance in November and exploring the Nativity story in a variety of ways towards the end of the term.

Every Friday we will be enjoying a celebration assembly at the end of worship. If your child has been chosen to receive a certificate then you will be invited along to join us in the hall at 2.45pm.



## Homework ideas

Why not try some of these:

Use a preferred style of art to create a picture which depicts the four seasons.

Find out about the seasons using

<https://easyscienceforkids.com/all-about-seasons/>

Go out for a walk and collect some clues which help to identify the season.

## PE days

This term, PE for EYFS will take place on a Monday and a Friday. Children will need to come to school in their PE kit on these days. Please ensure that a red hoodie is worn for colder months as PE sessions may take place outdoors.

