

Wishing our lovely Willow families a warm welcome back to school after what I hope has been a good half term. Hopefully we are going to see the Spring arriving in full bloom this term as we move towards the change in season. Already before the holiday we could see that our garden was beginning to spring to life with more children enjoying the outdoors and signs of new plants beginning to grow.

In Willow class we are very excited to welcome Mrs Nicholson to our team, I'm sure you will all get to know her very quickly and that the children will help her to settle in.

We are very excited to be entering our pirate Quest, learning what it would be like to travel the seas and discover new lands!

Over the past term we have collected many jumpers, hats, gloves etc. These will be put out for collection during the first week back and then anything unnamed will be put into the clothes charity bank. Please ensure that all clothes are clearly labelled and that children are made aware of their own belongings. As you can imagine there are too many individual items for us to keep track

## Significant person



This term we will be looking at the life of Mary Seacole who made significant contributions to nursing.

She lived an exciting life, travelling to many different countries and helping soldiers in war. When Mary Seacole died in 1881, her story was forgotten. But today, Mary Seacole is very well known. This term we will be finding out the ways in which she was brave and very determined.



**Class: Willow**

**Term: 4**



## Homework

I have been really impressed by the amount of children **reading** at home recently and this has had a really positive impact on the children's confidence to read in school. Reading as often as possible at home is so important, please keep up the great efforts. Some children have '**tricky red words**' in their book bags, these are to be learnt by sight as the children are not yet able to read these phonetically. Please practice as often as possible. **Year 1**, please continue to complete **My Maths** homework and **weekly spellings**.



## Quest: Ahoy There!

**How can explorers change the world?**

This term we will be donning our eye patches and best pirate beards as we find out about all things pirate. We will specifically focus our learning on Christopher Columbus and how his exploration and discovery left a legacy which changed the world.

## PE days

This term, PE for Willow class will continue to take place on a Monday and Friday. Children will need to come to school in their PE kit on these days. PE may take place outdoors, therefore we advise that children wear a red hoodie for warmth.

Please ensure that **ALL** clothing is clearly named as this will encourage the children to take responsibility for the significant amount of clothing that is lost/misplaced every day.



## Collective Worship

This term we will be exploring the value of **forgiveness and friendship** through our collective worship.

Celebration worship will continue to take place every Friday, where some children will be awarded with certificates. The parents of award winners will be invited to join us for this special time in the school week.

## Homework ideas

Please see below a range of ideas for you to support the children with their learning quest work at home:

- Create a treasure map and write some directions to the treasure.
- Visit your local library and find some books about pirates
- Write our draw five special things you would

## Book recommendation of the term

Our book recommendation this term is 'There Was an Old Dragon Who Swallowed a Knight' by Penny Parker

Klostermann .

We love the pattern and repetition in this book.

We have equally enjoyed learning the rhyme 'There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly'.



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