

## Welcome Back

Welcome back to the new term, I really can't believe that we are in the final term of our academic year. This term we will start to welcome new children who will be transitioning into school with us in September. It feels like only 5 minutes ago many of our current children were visiting, how they have all grown!

Last term I had the pleasure of meeting most of you virtually to discuss the children's achievements this year. I love to celebrate how much the children change during Spring term and I am sure Summer term will bring about even more learning, joy and friendships for our children in Willow Class.

There will be lots of great learning happening this term both indoors and out (don't forget to check out our termly news for more information on learning content). Please make sure that even though we are entering the summer term, your child continues to bring a suitable coat and outdoor shoes/wellies. We advise that all children have a **sun hat** in school as the weather (hopefully!) becomes warmer. With lots of water play available and other potentially messy activities it is also important that your child has a spare set of clothes available in school. Please ensure that **ALL** clothing is clearly named to encourage the children to take responsibility for their clothing.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me on my new email address: [n.delo@cottingham.pdet.org.uk](mailto:n.delo@cottingham.pdet.org.uk)

## Significant person

This term we will be learning about the life of Samuel Pepys which links to our learning quest. We will discover that despite coming from humble beginnings, Pepys rose to be one of the most important men of his day becoming England's earliest secretary of the Admiralty. We will learn about his prominent role in recording the events of the Great Fire of London in his diary writing.



# Cottingham CofE Primary School

**Class: Willow**

**Term: 5**

## Homework

As always, homework for the children in Willow class will consist of **daily reading**. Please ensure that your child has plenty of opportunities to share the books which they are able to decode themselves as well as enjoying listening to an adult read to them. Talking about stories and understanding the events is a really important part of reading development. **Spelling and Mymaths** is available for all Year 1 children.

## Quest: London in Flames!

**What was the Great Fire of London and why did it happen?**

This term we will be learning about this significant event beyond living memory. Ash class role play area has been turned into the pudding lane bakery to help support out learning as the children will learn about what happened, why and the impact.

## PE days

This term, PE for Willow Year 1 children will continue to take place on a **Monday** and **Friday**. Children will need to come to school in their PE kit on these days.

Foundation Stage children are currently taking part in PE on **Mondays only**, if this changes then you will be notified. The children are welcome to continue to wear PE kit on a Friday as this is already part of their routine.

## Collective Worship

This term we will be exploring the value of **perseverance** through our collective worship. Reverend Amanda will continue to lead worship for us every fortnight helping the strengthen our relationship with the local church.

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.

We will also be visiting St Mary Magedalene church for a special worship on Wednesday 27th April.

## Homework ideas

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

- Samuel Pepys kept a diary of the events during The Great Fire of London. Keep your own diary for a weekend and write about all the things you do.
- Create a Great Fire of London inspired piece of artwork – for example a painting of London with warm colours for the fire.
- Find out more information about Samuel Pepys or Christopher Wren. Write three facts you find .

## Book recommendation of the term

Our book recommendation of the term is *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend* by Dan Santat.

Beekle is an imaginary friend who decides to leave the island where these friends wait to be called into being by a child. After a day exploring the world and being scared, Beekle climbs a tree and cries. It is then that he meets Alice and the two become friends.

This is a beautiful story of braveness, uniqueness and friendship.