

Welcome Back

Welcome back, we hope that you have all had a wonderful summer holiday, making memories and enjoying a well deserved break. We are very excited to get started and have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned.

The children in Year 1 continue to learn using our wonderful continuous provision, alongside adult led work. During the first week the children will be eased back in to school life, we will be taking time to show the children any changes that we have made in the classrooms over the summer, reviewing expectations and setting out plans for the term ahead. Expectations for Year 1 children do change slightly as they are now a little older and know school well. We do hope that the children are ready to return with lots of enthusiasm.

Please do ensure as always that the children have relevant items in school:

- Spare clothes
- Wellies
- Water bottle
- Sunhat/sun cream as appropriate
- Coat as the weather cools



Significant person

This term we have chosen to present **Mary Anning** as our significant person. It is important that the children explore people and culture that have an impact on the world. Please find out as much information as possible with the children at home. We will also discuss her at school and ask the children to present information about her to class.



Class: Willow Year 1

Term: 1



Homework

Year 1 children will shortly be set maths homework via MyMaths every Friday, to be completed by the following Friday. You will receive a letter detailing your child's login details. Daily reading is also part of your child's homework. If you can, please pop a note in your child's reading record to show what you have read at home. Termly spellings will be sent home shortly. These are organized into weeks however please review these frequently.



Quest: :Wonderful Me!

In this science based quest we will be discovering all about humans. We will begin by looking at a photograph of our younger selves. The children will discover how they grow and change, naming the different stages of life. We will learn about the five senses. By the end of the unit the children will be able to identify and name different body parts, including some major organs.

PE days

This term, PE for Year 1 children will take place on a Monday and Wednesday. 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.



Collective Worship

Collective worship will take place this year on a Monday and a Wednesday, with our celebration worship taking place on a Friday as always. We will also have class worship on a Tuesday and a Thursday. During this time the children will have time to gather together, learn about the Christian values, enjoy songs of worship, pray and have time to reflect. Celebration worships take place every Friday, where children will be awarded with certificates. Parents will be invited to see their children receive certificates.

Homework ideas

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

- Share books about the human body
- Sing 'Heads, shoulders, knees and toes'
- Look at pictures from when you were a baby, talk about how you have grown and changed.
- Look at pictures of your family, how are you the same/ different?
- Play 'Eye Spy'
- Play a tasting game
- Go for a sound walk
- Make a feely box
- Draw and label parts of the body

Our book recommendation of the term is **Meerkat Mail** which we will be using as a stimulus for writing in our Literacy lessons.

This beautifully illustrated classic tells the story of Sunny the Meerkat who gets tired of living in the heat of the Kalahari desert so decides to go on a journey of discovery.

The detailed and witty illustrations along with the lift the flap post cards from Sunny make this book a joy to read time and again.