

Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to our lovely Willow families, I hope that you have enjoyed a great half term.

I am really excited to get going in term 2, the children made a great start in their first term as Year 1's, showing maturity and enthusiasm. They have really modelled great listening skills to our new children. We have an exciting term planned with a stay and play session, a faith visitor and lots more as we head towards Christmas.

Thank you to all of the families who were able to come and meet with me, if you have not yet done so then please do get in touch and we can arrange to meet. It was great to be able to share the children's achievements so far and get to know to know you all more.

The children will be busy designing and making their own vehicles this term as part of our DT learning. We desperately need cereal boxes (ideally variety pack size) for this project so please do send in any that you might be about to recycle at home.

You may have seen an email before half term regarding an early reading phonics workshop we will be running both online and after Love to Lunch. This will be very useful so please do come along to find out more. Here's to

Significant person

This term we will be finding out about Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the Moon. This ties in nicely with our Learning Quest which focuses on explorers. Neil Alden Armstrong (August 5, 1930 – August 25, 2012) was an American astronaut and aeronautical engineer and the first person to walk on the Moon. He was also a naval aviator, test pilot, and university professor.



Class: Year 1

Term: 2



Homework

Maths

As with last term, Maths homework for the Year 1 children will be set via MyMaths every Friday, to be completed by the following Friday.

Reading

Daily reading is an *essential* part of your child's homework.

Spelling

Year 1 children will receive a list of high frequency words to practice reading and spelling each week. An overview of the spellings can also be found on the TEAMS.

Quest: Into the Unknown

Who was Christopher Columbus and why was he so important?

In this History based quest, Year 1 children will be working towards creating a non-chronological report all about Christopher Columbus and his life and achievements. We will be developing the skills of historical enquiry such as using a source to answer a question and retelling events in the correct sequence.

PE&uniform

This term, PE for **Year 1** children will continue to take place on a **Monday and Wednesday**. Wednesday's lesson will be a gymnastics lesson. *Please, please, please* ensure that **ALL** pieces of uniform (including hoodies, coats, hats, scarves etc) are clearly labelled with your child's name. We have several lost and unnamed items every day which we are unable to return to their owner.

Collective Worship

Our value this term will be **respect& empathy** and this will be the theme of all of our whole school and classed based worship.

We will also be marking remembrance in November and all of the children in Key Stage One will be learning the story of the Nativity as we approach Christmas. We will be presenting what we have learned about the story although this may not be in a traditional Nativity play. Watch this space for more details!

Homework ideas

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

- Find out about other famous explorers. What did they discover and how?
- Find out what life on a ship might have been like in the time of Christopher Columbus. What jobs would needed to have been done? What food would have been eaten?
- Look at a world map. See if you can identify and name some of the countries and continents. Which country would you like to explore?

Book Recommendation

This term we have particularly enjoyed reading *Six Dinner Sid* by Inga Moore. This is a story of a much loved-cheeky cat who is on a mission to have as many dinners and attention as possible. Sid has six owners, lives in six houses and has six dinners a day. Life is just about purrfect . . . Until he is caught out.

This book has been a firm favourite during reading pledge, we love to talk about the different beds which he sleeps in and giggle at the way he behaves for each owner.