



LEARNING AND FLOURISHING TOGETHER

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Autumn Term 1 Year 1—Willow Class News—2023/24

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Willow Class to our wonderful Year 1 children and families. I hope that you had a great summer and are refreshed and ready to learn.

We are really excited to see you and look forward to working on lots of new and exciting year 1 knowledge and skills. You will notice some changes to the classrooms, hopefully you will all enjoy the new set up and engage in lots of purposeful play.

As always if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch n.delo@cottingham.pdet.org.uk

Love 2 Read

At Cottingham CofE we love to read. This year we have created some lovely new reading spaces for the children and adults to enjoy and look forward to sharing many stories together.

We will aim to get children's book bag books home as soon as possible for their own reading journey to continue. Look out for a Reading and Phonics refresher meeting on 26th September at 6pm. All parents/carers welcome.

Expectations

This week we are going to start by setting our expectations for the year. We will be expecting all of the children to take responsibility for meeting these expectations. We will be having a big focus on how we treat the environment, tidy up times and general manners and behaviour.

Homework

All Year 1 children will shortly be sent a login for 'MyMaths'. This a maths learning platform for practice at home. Homework will be set on a Friday and it will need to be completed for the following week. In addition to this, all children are expected to complete reading regularly at home. Please continue to record in the reading journals.

Spellings

Spellings lists for year 1 will be available on the Microsoft Teams site and are also sent via parent mail. Please ensure children are practicing every week.

QUEST

Quest: How does your garden grow?

The children will be learning to name common flowering plants including trees, naming parts of the plant and what a plant needs for healthy growth.

PE days

All Year 1 children will have PE lessons on Mondays and Thursdays. Please ensure that your child is wearing PE uniform on these days.

Collective Worship

Our worship value of the term is 'Kindness and Compassion'. Worship takes place daily with class worship on Tuesday's and Thursday's. The whole school gathers together for worship in the hall every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Friday's are special worship where you are warmly invited to join us for celebrations and awards. Friday worship begins at 2.55pm.

Homework ideas

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

Help to do some weeding in the garden. What do you notice about the weeds?

Visit a garden centre

Use meal times to talk about which foods have grown in the ground or on trees?

Plant some seeds. Help to take care of them as they grow.

Sketch and paint garden or wild flowers

Press some flowers and create a collage

A.O.B.

Please ensure that all children have wellies in school, if they were left last year then please check that they still fit.

Reading and Phonics refresher 26th September 6pm.