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

Welcome Back

Welcome back to a new term. We love the Christmas term with Foundation Stage as it so exciting.

We will be making lots of memories as we move towards Christmas. The children will be learning about the nativity story in RE and taking part in many activities based around the festival of Christmas.

I hope that you will agree that the children are quite well settled now and enjoying school life. It already seems like they have been in school for a long time now as they have adapted so well.

If you have any worries or questions then please feel free to contact n.delo@cottingham.pdet.org.uk

Love 2 Read

We have enjoyed some super stories in Willow Class over the last half term, including: Six Dinner Sid, Mrs Armitage on Wheels, Dogger, The tifer who came to tea and other classics.

Children love it when we read aloud to them, they hear the way that we change our voices, they pick up the patterns and love the repetition when we repeat books.

I hope that you are all enjoying some bedtime reading along with children's independent practice.

Expectations

The children have settled well into school during the first term, we have maintained high standards of behaviour, ensuring that the children feel safe and happy in school. I am sure that the children will continue to keep up this behaviour over the new term.

Homework

Reading and phonics forms a really crucial part of your child's learning (As I am sure you are well aware). Please look out for the phonics video links sent home every Thursday via parent mail. We have already noticed the speedy progression from those children participating in this regularly at home. In your child's book bag you will find a list of words to blend and read as well as a sound sheet. Please make a note of your child's reading progress in the record book provided. We encourage home reading daily.

QUEST

Quest: Remember, Remember!

The children will be learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot . We will be enjoying creating some firework art and chatting about our experiences.

PE days

This term, in Willow class Foundation Stage PE will continue to take place on a Wednesday and Friday.

Children will need to come to school in their PE kit on these days.

Collective Worship

Collective worship takes place on a Monday and a Wednesday, with our celebration worship taking place on a Friday as always. We also have class worship on a Tuesday and a Thursday. During our class worships we have some great discussions about British Values and Protected Characteristics. Our value this term is 'Respect and Empathy'. "Show respect for all people: love the brothers and sisters of God's family and respect God" 1 Peter 2vs17

Homework ideas

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

- Create a fireworks picture using a range of media
- Research Guy Fawkes and his part in the Gunpowder Plot
- Research animals and their habitats
- Build a bug hotel in your garden!
- Help to prepare a healthy meal at home using the skills of cutting, mashing and slicing
- Design your own healthy plate
- Research food chains. Who eats who?!

A.O.B.

As part of the children's phonics learning, we are now sending home links to videos which are to be used at home. These are very short and can be watched on a phone, tablet, laptop or similar device. We strongly advise using these videos to support your child's learning at home. Please look out for dates for phonics workshops which will be tailored to the level that your child is currently working at.