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# Spring Term 1—Willow Class News—2023/24

## Welcome Back

Happy New Year to all of our families, I do hope that you have enjoyed the festivities and enter the new year with renewed energy.

In school we are looking forward to this Spring term as it brings us some wonderful learning opportunities. Please ensure that you read our termly overviews for more information.

During this term we are going to have a huge focus on recycling and in particular as part of our art learning journey. Please can we ask that you send in any recycling and place it into the large blue wheelie bin outside Willow and Ash classrooms. Please do ensure that this is clean and appropriate e.g. no cleaning products, meat containers or anything which has contained nuts or eggs.

As the weather is still quite wet, please do make sure that your child has wellies or a change of shoes to play in the outdoor areas.

If you have any worries or questions then please feel free to contact [n.delo@cottingham.pdet.org.uk](mailto:n.delo@cottingham.pdet.org.uk)

## Love 2 Read

In Willow class we have enjoyed building up familiar stories during the Autumn term with some firm favourites in place. We always enjoy our daily stories after lunchtime where we can get cosy and relax while listening to a story read aloud. Hopefully you have been enjoying some stories at home over the Christmas break, please do share some of your new books, we would love to read them during our daily reading pledge. Please continue to read daily at home, it is great to hear the progress in reading which only comes through regular practice.

## Expectations

Returning to school after a break always means getting back to a routine, we expect that the children will soon settle back into this. Arriving on time and ready in the correct uniform is essential for children to feel part of the community.

As always we expect the children to follow our core values of CARE, BUILD, FOLLOW and THINK.

## Homework

Foundation Stage—Phonics videos and daily reading.  
Year 1—phonics videos, daily reading, Spelling Shed and 15 mins Times Table Rockstars.

Homework is set as minimum expectations, as a school we ensure that homework directly supports children's progress in reading and maths.  
If you are having any difficulties accessing this homework then please do let us know.

## QUEST

**Quest: Let's Go Green!**

**In this quest the children will learn all about the different ways in which we can help the planet by recycling. As part of this quest the children will be making sculptures in art and developing knowledge of properties of materials though their science journey.**

## PE days

**Year 1**—Mondays and Thursdays.  
**Foundation Stage** - Wednesdays and Thursdays.

## 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 'Honesty & Self esteem' "An honest witness does not deceive, but a false witness pours out lies" Proverbs 14 vs 5. You are very welcome to join the celebration worship on a Friday at 2.55.

## 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 ways that your family already tries to Reuse, Reduce and Recycle at home.

Design a poster to promote others to look after our environment.

Create a compost bin.

Collect unwanted materials for an art project.

Find out about artists who create art from recycled materials.

Find a creative way of recycling by finding a new use for an everyday object at home

Discover what happens to various materials when they are taken to the recycling plant

Make a poster encouraging other to reduce, reuse and recycle  
Research ways in which we can treat our environment with care.

## A.O.B.

Foundation children will continue to have Forest School sessions on Fridays.

All fridge dates will be sent out, please do keep up to date with school emails and social media where snapshots from our learning will be displayed along with reminders about any themed days or changes to the week.