

# Spring Term 2 —Willow Class News—2023/24



## Welcome Back

Welcome back Willow Class, I hope that you have had a lovely restful break from school and that you are bursting with energy to spring into Spring! I love to see signs of spring all around, as we head into this lovely time of year. We have so much planned for just a short term with our brilliant history quest, finding out about Silverstone track and racing cars. We will also be getting prepared for Easter and so much more.

In Willow Class, we will be welcoming Mrs White who will be leading teaching and learning every Thursday. Mrs White will be a great addition to the team.

Please ensure that children have appropriate clothing in school, coats are still required at the moment as there is still a chill and plenty of rain.

Forest School will commence in the first week, please check temperatures for appropriate layers.

I look forward to sharing your children's learning progress with you this term during Parent Day. Don't forget to sign up.

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

We are really excited about the upcoming event of 'World Book Day', information about this event has been sent via Parent Mail.

In Willow Class we are beginning a new text 'The Magic Porridge Pot', the children will enjoy learning this text, please encourage them to share it with you at home, actions and all!

Every Monday, children are invited to bring a book to share in school, I will add the book to a basket and choose a book from home each week to share with the rest of the class.

## Expectations

As we return to the school and see a change in the weather, hopefully this will mean healthy children and away with Winter bugs. We hope to see a rise in attendance this term. Please make sure that where possible your child is in school.

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: Ready, Steady, GO!

Our learning quest this term has a history focus. We will be finding out about how Silverstone came to be a racing track and how Formula 1 has changed over the years. We will discover who invented the petrol car and how racing cars and tracks have changed over time.

## PE days

**Year 1**—Mondays and Thursdays.

**Foundation Stage** - Wednesdays and Fridays.

## 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 'Forgiveness and friendship' "*Bear with each other and forgive each other if any of you have a grievance against someone Forgive as the Lord forgave you*" Colossians 3v13. 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:

- Making a model of a car that moves. You could use cardboard to make the car and bottle tops to make the wheels.
- Make a list of different types of transport. Think about where you might have been and how you got there.
- Research cars from the past. How have they changed? What cars did your family members used to drive?
- Write a book about cars. How many facts can you include? Can you illustrate your book?
- Make a set of top trumps cards featuring facts and statistics about certain cars.
- Research Silverstone. Where is it? What happens there? Do any other countries have race tracks?

## A.O.B.

Snack Money -£1 weekly contribution (can be paid in a larger sum) to be paid via Parent Portal.

Date for Diary— Willow class Parents Day—Tuesday 26th-March 2024

Please look out for updates, photographs and learning snapshots on our social media.