



LEARNING AND FLOURISHING TOGETHER

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Autumn Term 2—Willow Class News—2024/25

Welcome Back

Welcome back, we hope that you have all managed to enjoy a lovely half-term break and some well earned time away from school work. The children have settled so well, getting to know routines and expectations and building relationships. This was all key to the first few weeks, enabling children to feel a sense of belonging. We feel that this has been really embedded and it feels like they have been with us forever.

Building on this brilliant start we will be looking forward to lots more learning opportunities.

This term will include some celebrations of course! There will be Bonfire night, Diwali and of course Christmas.

We will be finding out about Kenya, looking at maps and books as well as exploring seasonal changes outside.

We will continue to use our wonderful continuous provision to learn through play as well as taking part in guided focus work.

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

Love 2 Read

At Cottingham we love to read!

Last term we enjoyed our literacy text 'Tin Forest' by Helen Ward.

We will begin this term by looking at the story of Binny's Diwali by Thirty Umrigar, following this we will focus on the story of Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne.

Both of these books delve into different cultures which will be a wonderful springboard for discussions and cultural awareness.

Expectations

Many clothing items have been lost already, please may I ask that you remind children to always place their jumpers and coats on pegs to avoid loss. All items must be named. If you have an item which does not belong to your child, please return to school.

We have many children who still need help to put on coats and shoes, please practice at home so that they can develop

independence.

Homework

We hope that by now you have been able to access the links to the phonics videos. These videos cover sounds taught and we highly recommend watching them with your child to review the sounds.

Some children by now have books with words to blend as well as picture books, please record when your child has read at home.



QUEST

Quest: Kenya

In this unit we will be exploring maps and recognizing parts of a map. We will find out about our local area and how different it is to a place called Kenya.



PE days

Foundation children take part in PE on Mondays and Wednesdays. We ask that the children come into school wearing PE kit. Please ensure that as the weather gets cooler, your child has a red hooded sweatshirt.

Collective Worship

Our worship value of the 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

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 at home:

- Go for a walk and look for signs of seasonal changes.
- Talk about celebrations and traditions.
- Make a map to show where you live.



A.O.B.

Early Reading and Phonics workshop for parents—Tuesday 12th November 6pm.

Forest School—Please ensure that as the weather gets colder, your child has the necessary layers of clothing on Forest School Days.

Wellies—all children to have a named pair of wellies in school at all times.

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

Christmas Nativity story telling and stay and play—Wednesday 10th December (One adult only to stay and play, further adults may attend the telling of the Christmas Story at 1.30pm)