

Willow Newsletter Spring 2020

Dear Parents,

As always, I hope you are well and enjoyed a relaxing Christmas break. It is lovely to see the children back again. From what I can gather, most people seemed to have had a good holiday.

Thank you for the lovely cards and presents. They are unnecessary but very kind- I am now on a mission to lose some weight!

Whilst I struggle with my New Year resolutions, the children have made a flying start to 2020. I am delighted by how well the class works together and, generally speaking, they settle quickly into a calm working environment.

Reading writing and maths continue to improve throughout the class. There have been some wonderful pieces of work completed over the last term. The books are looking lovely with neat presentation and clear progression.

Please continue to support your child/children with reading, homework and spellings. Most children are changing their books regularly and have progressed through at least one or two book-band levels since September. However, there is still the odd person who seems to be a little shy when it comes to reading at home. Please try to create time as it does make a big difference- whenever possible, I hope children can read at least 1-2 books a week.

I would like to remind you that when it comes to arranging meetings with me, I have a very open and informal policy. Teaching works best in partnership with parents and I will always try my best to resolve any issues as quickly as possible. If you have any queries or concerns, please ring, catch me in the playground or pop into school.

Kind regards,

Andrew Smith

TT Rock Stars

TT Rock Stars is a brilliant, game-based computer program which the school has purchased to help children learn their times tables.

Each member of the class has their individual log-in details which can be accessed in school and at home. It works well on all platforms including phones. Please try to encourage your child to use it as regularly as possible!!

Let me know if you need a reminder of login details.

Homework

Spellings

Spellings are handed out on a Thursday and need to be learnt for a test on the following Wednesday.

Maths

Maths is handed out on a Friday and should also be returned by the following Wednesday. Please don't spend more than half an hour on this and if help is needed, put a star next to the question. Complete only what you can in the time.

PE

Indoor PE is still on a **Monday** afternoon. Outdoor games is on a **Tuesday** afternoon

Kits

PE- White T-shirt/ black shorts/ pumps
Games- any weather appropriate clothing

Topic

Our topic this half term is based on sustainable development. What lifestyle choices can we make to avoid wasting the Earth's precious resources?

Science

We will be investigating different states of matter: solids, liquids and gases

Library

Library books can be changed on a Tuesday afternoon!!!

