



Willow Class

Autumn 1 2017

Welcome back! I hope you have had a fantastic and restful break and are ready for the start of this new school year! Year 5 and 6 have a busy year ahead and Mrs Thompson and myself are really keen to get going!

Quick reminders:

- Children need their own pencil cases – they have been asked that they can fit in their trays as this avoids things being mislaid and left around the classroom.
- The children need a water bottle to remain hydrated throughout the day.
- Our P.E. lessons will be on a Tuesday, so they will need to remember their P.E. uniform to get changed into on that day.

Team Captains

We will be holding house captain elections, hopefully, next week.

Music

Willow class will be continuing with their ukuleles this year. This term, the children will need to bring in their ukulele on a Friday. I was really impressed with the children's development with this instrument this year so am looking forward to some more chances to perform.

Maths

In maths we are covering place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division.

English

This term we are linking with our topic and using non-fiction genres to write recounts and explanations.

Topic

Our topic this term is the 'Terrible Tudors' – in history we are learning how they came to power following the turmoil of the 'Hundred Years War'. This follows the changing of monarchs from Edward III to Henry VIII and the conflicts this caused for the people at that time.

We will be using this to influence our art, looking at royal portraits and Tudor houses and how they created their mud walls.

Our science follows with changes of states, particularly solutions and reversible and irreversible changes.

Homework

Please continue to read with your child at home, they can read a book from home of their choice. We will be choosing a book from the classroom to have in their tray for reading in school; and our library day is on a Tuesday for them to take a book out from there. The children have received a homework diary to keep track of their reading at home. Please use this as a means of contacting me as well, if you have a question regarding homework or reading. The children need to write in these at least 5 times – this could be by themselves or a family member they have read with.

The reading passports will be set with 13th September's homework and is due on the 18th of October. This is 2 days later than other classes as we are on our Residential the previous week.

We will be continuing with our homework being set on a Wednesday and returning on a Monday. We remind the children that we are available on a Thursday and Friday lunchtime if they have any questions.

The children will have at least 10 spellings words set – these are checked on a Monday in our Spelling lesson. There will be a maths task, and a reading or grammar task set. Any questions, please do ask.

Finally, we are really looking forward to our class Residential, and more information about that will be coming shortly.

We look forward to seeing you at our class meeting on the 19th of September!

 Miss Buxton and Mrs Thompson