



## **Willow Class Autumn 1 2018**

Welcome to Willow class! I hope you have had an enjoyable and restful break and are ready for the start of this new school year. Year 5 and 6 have a busy year ahead and Miss Ellis and myself can't wait to share this new year with you all.

### **A few reminders**

- Children need to bring their own pencil cases to school – they must contain a blue writing pen (not biro), a writing pencil, pencil sharpener, rubber, a glue stick, ruler and a black pen (this can be biro) and may contain colouring pencils.
- The children need a named water bottle in order to remain hydrated throughout the day. They can keep this on their desk.
- P.E. lessons will be on a Monday, so children will need to remember their P.E. kit to get changed into on that day.

### **Team Captains**

All Year 6 children will share the responsibility of the Team Captain role.

### **Music**

Willow class will be continuing to learn the ukulele this year. If the children do not already own a ukulele, they can purchase one from school at a cost of £20. Children will need to bring in their ukulele to school on a Friday.

### **Maths**

In Maths this term we are covering place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division using known facts and consolidating familiar strategies. The children will continue with weekly times table challenges and any extra practise and support that you can give your child at home with practising times tables will be invaluable.

### **English**

This term we are linking our English work with our topic of Ancient Britain: Anglo Saxons and Vikings, using non-fiction genres to write recounts and explanations. We will also be looking at poems and fiction texts featuring dragons.

### **Topic**

Our topic this term is the Ancient Britain: Anglo Saxons and Vikings – who were they? We shall be exploring their way of life, the struggle for power and their arts and crafts.

**Science**

Our Science topic this term will cover forces, including gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction. We will also explore mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears and the effect that forces have on their use.

**Homework**

Please continue to read with your child at home: a book or other reading material from home of their choice. The children will be choosing a book from the classroom to have in their tray for reading in school and our library day is on a Thursday. The children will be using their Reading Record book to keep track of their reading at home, as well as homework that they have been set. Please use this as a means of contacting me as well if you have a question regarding homework or reading. The children will receive team points as a reward if they read at home and an adult has signed their book. They will also receive team points for completed homework. Homework (English and Maths) will be set on a Wednesday and expected in by the following Monday. Reading passports are to be completed by the 15th of October. The children will have at least 10 spelling words to learn each week: the words will be set on a Friday and checked on the following Friday.

If there are any further questions, please don't hesitate to ask. We look forward to seeing you at our class meeting on the 25th of September at 4:30pm.

Mrs Swansborough and Miss Ellis

