

Willow and Apple Class - Year 1 & 2

Spring Term Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you!

We hope you had a lovely relaxing Christmas break. It is lovely to see all the children safe, refreshed and ready for the start of another school term.

Topic

This term our topic will be linked to the theme of 'Journeys'. The main focus will be 'Where does our food come from?'.
We will also have a number of mini topics based on the children's interests and special celebration days, with pupils exploring and developing their skills in all curriculum areas. The children will also be helping to lead the learning in Willow and Apple classes.

Literacy

We will be continuing our daily sessions focusing on sounds/blends/keywords/spelling, as well as writing letters with the correct formation.

The support you provide at home with daily reading and sound/words/spelling practice is so beneficial to your child's reading development and, even five minutes a day, makes a valuable difference. We are very grateful for your continued support in this home-school partnership.

Please can you help us with our home/school reading schedule by returning book bags to school each Monday... thank you! We would be grateful if you could write a short note each week in your child's diary letting us know how they got on at home. If there is no note, we will assume the books are unread, and send them home again the following week. Thank you for your support with this.

Maths

In Maths this half term we will be concentrating on:

- Addition and subtraction - counting on and back, finding the difference.
- Reading and writing 2- and 3-digit numbers.
- Number doubles and near doubles and writing these as number sentences.
- Money – coins and using them in practical situations.
- Data collection and interpreting data.

Mathletics: Please encourage your child to access their account at home

(www.mathletics.com/uk/) Login details were sent home last term. They have access to a number of different maths activities, and they can also play maths-based games on the website.

Physical Development - WEDNESDAY

Your child will need to come to school on Wednesdays wearing their full PE kit: joggers/leggings, house colour t-shirt, trainers and a jumper. Each Wednesday afternoon the year groups will be rotating around physical activities e.g. ball skills, gymnastics, outdoor activities... *Your child may be taking part in outdoor activities so a raincoat with a hood is a must every Wednesday. If*

