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 🔀

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★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.

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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

★you have a spare pair of wellies then please send them in in a labelled bag and your child can ▼ leave them on their peg for the term. Thank you!

Daily Routines

Coat & Footwear We will be spending time outside, so your child will need to bring a warm coat, ☆hat/scarf/gloves to school and wear suitable footwear each day.

Please make sure each item is clearly labelled with your child's name and they can identify their own items.

<u>Water bottles</u> - Children need to bring to school their own water bottle from home. Bottles must be plastic, not glass, and <u>named clearly</u> in a permanent pen. Your child will bring their bottle home each day for washing and refilling (<u>water only please</u>).

Punctuality - Punctuality is essential to help your child settle and get the most out of the school day. The school bell rings at 8.50 every day and teaching sessions begin immediately after registration. It is unsettling for your child and the other children when these lessons are interrupted.

If you have any questions then please don't hesitate to come and talk to us, leave a message with Mrs Matthews or email the school and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

🏋 Thank you for your support.

★Mrs Sully and Team