

Willow Class Letter: Spring Term 2026

Happy new year and welcome back!

Staff:

- Miss Day will be the class teacher full time from Monday to Friday.
- We have a wonderful range of TAs supporting the class including Mrs Smith, Mrs Bolton in the mornings and Mrs Hayes in the afternoons.
- On Thursday afternoons, Mrs Laney will cover the class for PSHE and Nature school whilst Miss Day has PPA.

PE kit and Nature school:

- Our PE day is **Friday**. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit.
- Nature school is on **Thursday** so please send in wellies and a coat.

Reading:

Books will be assigned at the end of the week on a Friday. Please record when you hear them read and let us know how they get on with the books. **Please ensure that reading records are sent in on a Friday as this is the day that they will be checked.** We continue to use the ebooks and this forms part of their homework for Year 1, the expectation in our school is that children read the ebooks with an adult at home. In addition to this, they will bring home books of interest which they have chosen. **Our book worm club will be on Monday afternoons from 3:30-4:00pm every fortnight starting on Monday 12th January.**

A few reminders:

- Please make sure that jumpers/coats/water bottles are named so that if they are misplaced they can be returned to you.
- Please only fill water bottles with water.
- Please ensure that children are not bringing toys into school.

Our learning this half term:

- History: Hospitals and healthcare - How did Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole help improve hospitals?
- RE: Who is Jewish and how do they live?
- Science: Everyday materials.
- PE: Functional & aesthetic movement, movement concepts and manipulative skills.
- PSHE: Keeping myself safe - Who can help?
- Computing: Digital writing.
- Art: Chromatic - Does abstract art mean anything?

Home learning:

- Tricky word and decodable word weekly spellings have now been sent home for the term, and these will be tested in school every Friday.
- Number Bond homework sheets will come home in book bags on a Friday and these will be tested weekly.

Trips and visitors:

- If you, or someone you know works in a hospital or healthcare setting, we would love for you to visit as part of our History learning.
- In Spring 2, we will be visiting Powderham Castle as part of our History topic about Kings, Queens and Castles. More information to come!

Many thanks and best wishes,

Miss Day