

Willow Class Letter: Autumn Term 2025

Welcome to Willow Class!

We have been extremely impressed with how well the children have settled in to Year 1 and we look forward to a great year ahead!

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 Geography 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 as the weather gets colder.

Reading:

You will be continuing to use the Collins reading platform that you are now familiar with and 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. It is good practise to read them more than once as this helps children become more fluent and confident readers. 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 to read at home.

Our learning this half term:

- Geography: 'Where in the world?' learning about our local area.
- RE: What does it mean to belong to a faith or belief community?
- Science: Seasonal changes & Animals including humans.
- PE: Functional & aesthetic movement, movement concepts and manipulative skills.
- PSHE: Me and my relationships.
- Computing: Technology around us.
- Art & DT: Clay & Textiles.

Home learning:

- Common Exception Word weekly spellings will be sent home on a Friday, and these will be tested in school on the following Friday.
- Number Bond homework sheets will also come home in the book bags and these will be tested weekly.
- Please continue to access Numbots at home to practise their other number skills.

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.

Many thanks and best wishes,

Miss Day