

Dear Willow families,

Firstly, I hope you’ve all had a really wonderful Christmas making memories and are well rested for the new term ahead. As before, I will continue to teach Mon-Thursday (Wednesday am only) and Mrs Richardson will teach Wednesday afternoon and all-day Friday. Mrs White will continue to support in class every morning. I will attach a timetable but please be aware that P.E has moved to a Wednesday so please ensure children attend in P.E. kit on Wednesdays from now on.



**Reading-** children are expected to read to an adult at home 5 times a week. As mentioned previously, we appreciate that lots of clubs or tricky work shifts can affect this. We are happy to help at school so please let us know. Reading record books will be checked every Monday and, any children with 5 signatures, will move through our reading challenge towards the reward at the end!

**Doodle Maths**- children must complete 30 minutes at least a week of Doodle Maths. This can be divided how you wish.

**SATS prep:**  Year 6 children will receive different SATS practise to complete at home. More details to follow.



This term we will be moving on to our Explore topic in which we will be focussing on Geography. Our topic will cover the UK with a focus on the Severn estuary and north somerset; Europe- where we will look at the Danube river and finally The Rocky Mountains of North America! We are hoping to organise a trip based on rivers later in the term- more details to follow. If you have any resources at all that you feel may help us with this topic we would love to borrow them. Just please ensure they’re named so we can return them to their owners.



SATS: Wednesday 8th September : SATs information evening. For those able to attend, this is an opportunity to hear how the SATs work and what to expect. At school, we are doing a range of activities, but I am very keen to not put pressure on the children and have told them (many times) that they just need to do their best. Please reiterate this at home if your child is worried at all.

Thank you for all your support last term. As always please DON’T hesitate to talk to us if you have any concerns or questions. Equally, if you have some positive news, achievements or something exciting about your child’s life outside of school to share then please do! It’s important to us to know the children well so, from football or athletics, to horses, art, dance or martial arts…we LOVE hearing all about it!

Finally, we would LOVE to be able to hear the children read more so if you’d be interested in volunteering to hear readers (or have a family member who might be) then please let me know!

Here’s to a fab term as a fab class, best wishes Mrs Bond, Mrs Richardson and the Willow Team