



Dear Willow families,

Welcome back after what I hope was a wonderful Summer break for you all! I look forward to hearing about what the children have been up to over the holiday and hope they're all refreshed and ready for our first term together. I have been busy making our classroom a place I hope they love and enjoy learning in.

As with last year, I will continue teaching Monday -Thursday (Wednesday am only) and Mrs Richardson will teach Wednesday afternoon and all day Friday. We are also very lucky to be supported by Mrs White every morning.

**I'd like to take this opportunity to ask if any parents/Grandparents would have any availability to hear children read on a regular basis? If this is something you may be able to help with, please let me know.**

I will attach our class timetable to this email but please be aware that the children will need to wear P.E. kit on Tuesdays (for their P.E. lesson) and Thursdays (for weekly Forest School sessions)



**Reading:** children continue to be expected to read 5 times a week at home and signatures should be recorded in their Reading Record books. We appreciate many parents work shifts or are juggling lots of clubs so if we can support your child to achieve their weekly signatures please ask. Reading record books will be checked weekly.

**Doodle Maths:** Children should be accessing Doodle maths for at least 30 minutes a week (how you arrange this time is up to you but little and often proves most effective)

**Individualised learning:** if we feel a child may benefit from further reinforcement of learning at home, we may send tasks home from time to time also.

This term, along with Oak class, we will be focussing on History; initially learning about Ancient Greece before moving on to Ancient Egypt

We are planning a school trip, to enhance the children's learning, so please keep an eye out for more information.

I am really looking forward to teaching History this term and hope the children share my enthusiasm. If you have any resources or books you think may support our learning we would love to borrow them (just please ensure they're named).



**Year 6 parents:** you will be aware that your children will sit their SATS this academic year. We will be in contact regarding booster groups and hold an information evening in the Spring term. We will also send information home throughout the year. In the meantime, if you have any questions please ask!

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!

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