



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. P.E will continue on Tuesday afternoon and Forest School on Thursdays.

LEARNING AT HOME

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 receive a raffle ticket to enter our whole school half termly draw to win a fab prize!

Arithmetic- children will bring home a sheet of arithmetic questions each Friday which must be complete ready to be marked the following Friday. The children may find some of these tricky but we will use gaps to inform planning and support them where necessary. Please highlight any questions your child struggles with.

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 involve learning about volcanoes and earthquakes through studying 3 different locations; Los Angeles, Iceland and Bristol! If you have any resources, books, models or even photographs (should you have been lucky enough to visit Iceland, LA or any other volcanic countries) then we would love to see them; just please ensure anything is named so we can return to the rightful owner.



SATS: Thursday 8th January : 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

