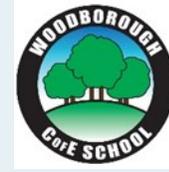


January 2022

# Willow Class

## Newsletter



I hope you all had a happy Christmas and New Year. Welcome back to the Spring term. The following information will update you on our work this term.

### Curriculum

This term the children will be learning about WWII in History and looking at Living Things in Science. After the February holiday, we'll be making comparisons between the UK, France and China in Geography and explore Evolution and Adaptation in Science.

PE is on Mondays and Wednesdays. We will be learning a WWII inspired dance with a coach and improving our hockey skills too. With the colder weather in mind, please make sure your child has adequate PE clothing, especially jumpers and trainers.

### Booster Classes - 3.15—4.30pm Tuesdays

The aim of these sessions is to prepare the children for the S.A.T.s. It allows them to practice the question formats whilst not devoting too much curriculum time to this. We also try and ensure that there are a number of teachers present for each session so that the children can benefit from a high level of support. Children always find it beneficial to attend these sessions each week. They begin on **Tuesday 18th January**.

### SATs Week 9th-13th May

Advance warning of this! The tests begin on the Monday with the grammar and spelling papers. On Tuesday is the reading paper. On Wednesday, the children have two Maths papers: Arithmetic and Reasoning, with the second Reasoning paper following on the Thursday. Each paper is approximately 40—45 minutes long (Reading paper 1 hour). The papers are then sent away to be externally marked and the results are usually available to schools and parents in mid-July. I plan to run a SATs information evening for parents on **Thursday 3rd February 2022 at 6.30pm**.

We have Parents' Evenings planned for later on in March, but if you have any concerns before then please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely, Mrs Wren

### Homework

The children are expected to **read at home 5 times a week**. They will be rewarded with a success stamp if it has been signed at home by an adult. Children of this age like to read by themselves and this should be encouraged as it builds reading stamina and allows them to tackle longer, more detailed books. It is also important that they read to an adult as it will enable them to discuss plot development, characterisation and improve comprehension skills.

**Homework will be given out on Friday and handed in the following Thursday.** For English this term, we will be making use of grammar and spelling sheets to reinforce work in this area. Children will have a textbook to help them.

Children will also be given a maths workbook and directed to specific pages each week. Alongside this, the children will be given maths text books which are useful as revision aids. Children will be shown how to use these effectively however if they have any difficulty, they can ask for support on Wednesday lunchtimes.