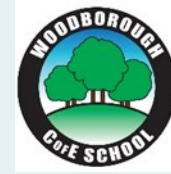


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Willow Class

Newsletter



Homework

The children are expected to read at home 3 times a week. This will gain them 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. Literacy homework will be given out on Friday and handed in the following Thursday. This term, we will be making use of a grammar workbook to reinforce work in this area. Maths homework will be given out on Monday to be handed in on Fridays. The children will also be given revision maths text books which are useful as revision aids.

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. Please make a note in your diaries that Willow Class Assembly is on 15th January at 9.15am.

Curriculum

This term the children will be studying 'Evolution and inheritance' which will look at how living things have evolved over time. After the February holiday, we'll be looking at Brazil as our Geography topic.

PE is on Mondays and Tuesdays. We will be doing Rugby / badminton (depending on the weather!) and dance. With the colder weather in mind, please make sure your child has adequate PE clothing, especially trainers for use on the field.

Booster Classes - 3.15—4.30pm Mondays

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 February 1st.

SATs Week 9th -13th May

Advance warning of this! The tests begin on the Monday with the reading paper. On Tuesday are the grammar and spelling papers. 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.

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 Ashby