

January 2024

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 exploring Oceans along the Tropics in Geography and find out about Evolution and Adaptation in Science. PE is on Mondays and Wednesdays. We will be learning a WWII inspired dance with Mrs Crichard and improving our tag rugby 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 30th January—please look out for a sign up on Weduc.**

Key Dates for Terms 3:

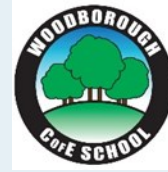
Wednesday 10th January—EQUA Concert (see Weduc)
Friday 12th January—KS2 History Costume Swap (see school newsletter)
Thursday 18th January—HOWW Talks (see school newsletter)
Friday 19th January—Willow Workshop at 2.30pm—parents invited.
Monday 22nd January—Bovington Trip (see Weduc)
Friday 26th January—KS2 History Day—dress WW2 themed (see newsletter)
Friday 2nd February - Young Voices

SATs Week 13th-17th May

Advance warning of this! I plan to run a SATs information evening for parents on **Wednesday 31st January at 6pm**

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**. 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. However, 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 textbooks 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.