



Willow Newsletter Summer 2018

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back!

I hope you had a lovely Easter break, the children came back feeling refreshed and ready to see their friends again.

It was lovely to see all of you at parents evening and I wanted to say a big thank you for your continuous support!

I wanted to mention how much fun we had on the last Thursday of term, when Jenny from the History Van came to work with the class. The children learned a lot about the Anglo-Saxons and Jenny complimented them on how well they all behaved and how much she enjoyed working with them. I turn this compliment your way!

The big news for this term is that we are going to go Swimming at Glossop Swimming Baths every Tuesday morning, starting from the 24th April.

Please rest assured that your children are in safe hands as there will be plenty of staff supervising the class at all time. There are life guards, swimming instructors and me and Mrs Kells will also be there, taking small groups.

Topic

Our new topic will be 'Rivers' in Geography and the 'Water cycle' in Science. Hopefully the weather will start to get warmer so we will be able to enjoy a lovely trip to Crowden later in the year. (We will provide you with more information nearer the time).

PE

Outdoor games will again be on Thursdays. Games kit can be any colour with trainers and a warm jumper/jacket as the weather gets colder. Please only send this kit in on Thursdays as it helps to keep the cloakroom tidy and safe.

We won't always have time to have indoors PE, as the class will go swimming on Tuesdays, however it will be helpful to keep the PE kit in class just in case we are given an extra session! Please try to make sure that your child has the correct kit: White T-shirt/ black shorts/ pumps or bare feet for PE. This kit will stay in the classroom and go home at half term.

Library

Our library day is Friday. Please make sure your child looks after their book and returns it after they have read it. I hope to pass on to the children my passion for reading for pleasure, therefore I consider this session to be really important!

Homework and Spellings

Spellings are handed out weekly on Monday to be tested on the following Monday. English homework will be handed out on Friday, to be collected in on the following Wednesday. The aim of this work is to consolidate what the children have been working on in class and also to enable you to see what the children are learning.

Each piece of homework should take no longer than 30 minutes to complete. If your child finds the homework difficult, please let us know by writing a note in their homework book. The majority of children will be given a Maths Workbook, they will be required to complete a section each week (there will be instructions given in each book). I will go over Maths homework with the children on Monday mornings, so it is important that it is handed in on time, the children can take their homework books back home on Mondays, so they have a week to complete it. Please come and see me if you are unsure what your child needs to do. In addition, please encourage your child to read a few pages of their book **every day**, your help at home is invaluable!

As always, if you wish to speak to me for any reason, I am usually by the door first thing in the morning or on the steps at the end of the day for a quick chat. If you aren't around at this time, you can send a note (reminding your child to hand it to me!) or telephone the office to arrange an appointment. If there are any issues or worries, they are best dealt with quickly, so please do speak to me if you have any concerns at all.

I hope you find the following information useful.

Yours sincerely,
Giulia Rocca Jordan