



# Willow Newsletter Spring 2018

Dear Parents/carers,

Happy New Year to you all!

I hope you had a lovely Christmas break, from what the children have told me it sounds like there were plenty of presents, parties with family and lots of fun!

The first few days of 2018 have gone really well and I was very pleased to see how happy everyone was to be back in school and to see friends and familiar faces. The children have already settled in well following their morning and afternoon routines.

We have started off with some lessons on Road Safety and New Year resolutions, so we can aim high and work hard to improve ourselves and reach our goals.

## Topic

Our topics this term include 'Forces and Magnets' and 'States of Matter' in Science and 'Anglo Saxons and Settlements' in Topic. We will also continue to learn some basic conversational French.

## PE

**Outdoor games is still on Thursday.** 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. 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.

## 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