



Willow Class Newsletter

January 2019

Welcome

Hello and welcome to back, we hope you had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break.

We had a fantastic half term leading up to Christmas with lots of exciting activities. All of the pupils were brilliant during our Christmas performances, they made us all very proud.

We worked very hard on our English, Maths and Science and had lots of 'light bulb' moments. Our topic 'old and new toys' was a huge success, we particularly enjoyed bringing our own toys into school on the last week of term.

We have another busy half term planned with a variety of exciting learning opportunities.

If you have any queries; please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office, on your child's home school diary sheet or email george.turner@saxonhill.shaw-education.org.uk

Science

In our Science lessons this half term we will be learning about the topic



'Materials & their properties'. We will take part in investigations to identify materials and their uses.

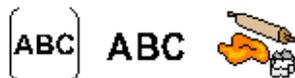
We will explore the properties of materials and test if we can make them change shape. We will be investigating what materials can be recycled and what happens to them when we put them in the bin.

We will also take part in some Crest Award sessions which all of the children look forward to!

Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Great Explorers'. We will be researching different significant people in history, such as Christopher Columbus, Neil Armstrong, Ibn Battuta and Robert Falcon Scott. We plan to go on our own adventures just like these famous people and discover treasure around Saxon Hill. We will use our computing skills to follow a sequence of instructions and program bee-bots to travel journeys just like the great explorers we have learnt about. We will also compose pieces of music using different instruments and use technology to symbolise the dramatic journeys they went on.

English



In our English lessons this half term we will be reading stories linking to our topic. We will be reading 'Goodnight Spaceman', 'Marvellous Moon Map', 'The emperors Egg' and 'Cuddly Dudley'. We will be rewriting stories, writing poems and using our drama skills to act the stories out.

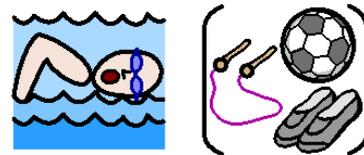
Maths



In Maths this half term we will continue to work towards achieving our individual targets in 'Number' and 'Shape, Space and Measure'. Some activities will link to our topic lessons; such as creating pictograms of our favourite space ships and making Venn diagrams of modes of transport.

Swimming, PE & Rebound

We will begin swimming again this half term, we still have our Monday afternoon slot and will swim in alternate groups each week. Please send your child's kit into school each week just in case there are pupils absent as it might mean your child can have an extra swim.



PE is on a Tuesday afternoon which will be taught by the PE Teacher, Wendy Milner.

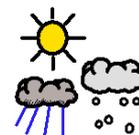
Water bottles

Please send a water bottle into school for your child. These are available throughout the school day for the children to access.



Weather

Please remember to send your child with appropriate clothing for the weather, especially as the weather can unpredictable at this time of year.



Reading & Phonics

Willow Class will have regular 1 to 1 reading sessions with an adult and independent reading time. We will also have 4 phonics lessons each week following the scheme Read, Write Inc. Each child will bring home a 'levelled' reading book and a book of choice from the library. Please use the home school reading log books to let us know how they are getting on at home.



House points

Children in Willow class will continue to receive a house points for excellent work, behaviour, sharing ideas, trying new things and many more things! When they have received 10 house points they will be able to choose a reward!

