

# WILLOW CLASS SUMMER NEWSLETTER



## WELCOME TO THE SUMMER TERM!

We hope you've had a lovely Easter and a big thank you for all the delicious treats.

As the weather starts to warm up, please send your child with a full water bottle and sun hat every day. We ask that you apply an all day sun cream daily before school.

This term our P.E days will be Tuesdays and Fridays.

We are excited to have Forest School every Friday afternoon. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to develop confidence and independence, and to learn about the natural world.

Children will need a full set of spare clothes, a waterproof coat and wellies please.

## LITERACY

Our class books this term is *Little Red* by Lynn Roberts, a 'howlingly' funny twist on a traditional tale. Reception children will be developing their writing skills by creating their own version of the story, whilst Nursery children enjoy opportunities to explore and retell the story through role play.

Later in the term we'll focus on a non-fiction text, *See inside castles* by Katie Daynes. We'll look at key features of a non-fiction text, learning how to use the contents page to find information, before creating our own fact file.



## UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

This term we'll be trying to answer the question- Would you like to live in a castle?

We'll be finding out what life was like in a Medieval Castle for everyone from Kings and Queens to the gong farmer!

## MATHS

In Maths we will be learning to recognise and name 3-D shapes. We'll notice the 2-D faces of 3-D shapes and investigate which shapes are best for building the tallest towers. Reception children will also develop their counting skills, exploring numbers to 20 and beyond, before using their knowledge of number bonds to learn about subtraction.

## TOP TIPS FOR READING WITH YOUR CHILD

- Find a quiet time that works for your family. Bedtime or after dinner are popular choices.
- Remember to give lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, it's ok to read it to them.
- Record every read in your child's Reading Diary, so they can be counted towards their prize total. This also a good way to communicate any concerns or questions about your child's reading.

You can have a huge impact on your child's reading by continuing their practice at home. We ask all families from Reception onward to listen to their child read five times a week.