

## Year 1 Summer Term Newsletter

Hello, we cannot believe that it is our final term with your children. They have made so much progress and we are so proud of each and every one of them. It was great to share this with so many of you at parents' evening. We will continue to share photographs, videos and updates via Dojo. Weekly maths homework will be posted to Dojo every Wednesday.



### English

Our focused texts for the first half term will be *The Journey Home* and *Leaf*. After half term we will be looking at *The Girl and the Dinosaur* and *Storm Whale*. We ask that you do not look at these texts in advance as we like to have the element of surprise. The children will be fully immersed in the rich vocabulary these texts have and will use this to develop a deeper understanding of what they read. We will be expanding our knowledge of prefixes and suffixes such as *-ing* and *-ed*. We will be using other forms of punctuation such as question marks and exclamation marks. The children will also learn how to change words from singular to plural and the rules to apply this. We will be building the children's stamina for writing and supporting them in writing more sustained pieces of work.



### Maths

This term we are starting with numbers up to 50. Counting, recognising and ordering numbers. We will also be comparing numbers to 50 and find one more and one less than any given number to 50. We will also be revisiting addition and subtraction. We will be introducing the children to multiplication and division linking this to fractions towards the end of Summer 1.

We will also be dropping in elements of length, height, time, mass and weight.

Please continue to help your children at home with quick recall of number bonds to 10 (and extending to 20), counting forwards and particularly backwards in 2's, 5's and 10's and ensuring numbers are written correctly.

In preparation for this term's maths work, any counting practice, writing numbers and recognising numbers will be of great benefit to your child.

## **The Willows' Curriculum**

In History, we will be learning about the Victorian seaside, and how seaside holidays have changed over the years. In geography, we will be focusing on mapping and fieldwork skills with the children creating their own maps using keys and symbols. We will be focusing on Food and Nutrition in Design and Technology with the children building on their preparation skills and we will also be learning how to sew. There will a small cost to cover the ingredients needed for these lessons, we will add this to Dojo and parent pay in advance. In RE and PSHE, we will be exploring who created the world and the importance of caring for our planet. In Science, we will be looking at the seasonal changes through Spring and Summer, as well as exploring the human body and its five senses. We hope we will be able to take lots of learning outdoors as we learn about plants in Summer 2. In Art, we will be exploring sculpture and be using clay to create 3-D maquette's in addition to creating collages inspired by the artist Paul Klee.

## **PE**

Monday and Friday are our PE days. As the children will continue to come into school in their PE kits, please ensure it is suitable for any weather. We will also be busy preparing for our Key Stage One Sports' Day. We hope we will see you there.

## **Reminders – Snacks at break time**

Can we just remind you that children should only bring healthy snacks for break time, this can include fruit or a cereal bar. No nuts, chocolate, crisps or cake please. A refillable water bottle should also be sent into school daily no fizzy drinks or juice. We want to make this fair for everyone and have had instances of pupils becoming upset because their peers are bringing in juice or sweets. We really appreciate your support with this school wide policy. Thank you

## **Warmer weather**

As the weather improves, we ask that the children wear pre-applied sun cream and that they wear a brimmed hat to cover their faces. There is no need to send in sun cream as many brands have over 12 hour protection or more. Should we experience extreme weather conditions with very high temperatures we will monitor the children's sun exposure and adjust playtimes accordingly. Pupils have constant access to their water bottles throughout the day and are encouraged to stay hydrated particularly following physical activity.

## **READING**

### **Please remember to sign your child's diary and return to school each day.**

Our Willows' expectation for reading is five times per week for around ten minutes or more.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Year One Staff

## **Dates for the diary**

Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup> Year One Library Visit to Stoke Library

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June Key Stage One Sports Day 1:30pm

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June Llandudno Visit all classes



**For more dates, please see the weekly Willows' newsletter.**