

# Willow Class Newsletter

# Summer 1 2025

Welcome to the first part of the summer term! We have got a very short first half term but it is filled with lots of exciting activities.

This half term, we are starting our new topic 'Coastline', where we be learning lots of things about the coastlines in the UK. During the Summer 2 half term, we have History off the page coming in to do a Victorian seaside workshop so the children will have the opportunity to explore the seaside during the Victorian times.

From the second week of term, we will also be starting our swimming lessons with our new swimming teacher at Thurlow in the newly refurbished pool!

The final week of the half term all classes are taking part in activities week. The theme for this year is Wellbeing, more details about this week will be revealed closer to the time.



#### Important dates for this half term:

-WB **28<sup>th</sup> April** – swimming starts.

-**9<sup>th</sup> May** – Willow class presentation.

- -WB 19th May Activities week
- WB **9<sup>th</sup> June –** Year 1 phonics screening and Year 2 SATS.
- -**2**<sup>nd</sup> **July** Victorian seaside day at Hundon Village hall.

For more information, please keep an eye out for pictures and updates on Class Dojo.

#### <u>PE</u>

Tuesday- swimming Wednesday- outdoor PE

Please ensure if your child has long hair it is tied back and earrings are removed.

## <u>Homework</u>

Please continue to ensure reading books and reading logs are in bags daily to assist in reading and changing books. Please continue to update the children's reading logs at home regularly.

The children will continue to have their Maths weekly assignment set on doodle Maths and spelling bookmarks sent home on Thursdays. Each week the assignment and spellings are linked to something they have previously learnt in school as a recap for them.



# Curriculum Learning

Here is some key information about what your children will be learning in school this half term!

Our theme is titled Coastline. This project teaches children about the physical and human features of coastal regions across the United Kingdom, including a detailed exploration of the coastal town of Whitby, in Yorkshire.

In Science, we will be looking at materials. This project teaches children about the uses of everyday materials and how materials' properties make them suitable or unsuitable for specific purposes. They begin to explore how materials can be changed.

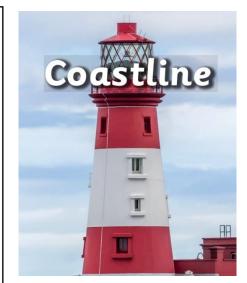
In English, we will be writing a mixture of setting descriptions, character descriptions, captions, diary entries and stories. Our focus text for this half term will be the book "The lighthouse keeper's lunch." We will also be writing some poems using the five senses.

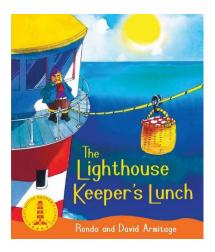
In Music we will be doing lots of singing looking at the theme on this island.

In BRAVE we will be looking at the religion Hinduism. We will be answering the question "How do Hindus believe the world works?"

In PSHEE we will be exploring the question, 'Who helps to keep us safe?"

There is definitely lots of exciting fun in our themed learning to look forward to! Across the rest of our curriculum, we have other skills and knowledge sessions to develop and inspire us.





## A final note...

What a great half term to look forward to and we cannot wait to share lots of it with you. For more information, please keep an eye out for pictures and updates on Class Dojo.

With best wishes,

Mrs Thompson and Mrs Shilling

Willow Class Teaching Team

