

Wednesday 6th November 2019



Dear Parents,

Welcome back after half term, we hope you all had a relaxing and no doubt fun-filled break! The children settled in well last term and we look forward to seeing them continue to blossom as the term goes on.

Below you will find some useful information about our class this term and a Topic Web to give more detail about the learning going on in Willow Tree Class.

Whole School Focus

As a whole school we will be focusing on a new 'value' each half term. This half term we will be thinking about '**Respect**'. This is an important life skill and we hope to teach the children about respecting others and their property, the world around them, and of course themselves. If you could support with this at home too that would be great.

PE

I will be teaching dance this term, focusing on sequences and creating a short performance to share with you at Christmas. Mrs Alden will deliver PE on a Friday afternoon, working on those fundamental and social skills. PLEASE ensure your child/ren have their full PE kit (**labelled**) with them every day, including suitable footwear for outdoor activities. Girls will need to bring in spare socks if they're wearing tights to school and please could they have their hair tied back. Thank you.

Homework

Weekly spellings will be given using the 'common exception word' lists for each year group. They will have two a week, building up each week to recap. The children will also be given a piece of maths homework to further support their understanding of their learning in class, this term's focus will be on 'Addition and Subtraction' and learning their number bonds. *Please note, homework will be sent out on a Thursday and is to be returned the following Tuesday.*

Reading

We hope to have solved the book issues over half term and will make sure all children have new books by the end of the week. If they do bring home a book they have already read, it doesn't hurt to read it again but please ask them to tell us and we will of course change it. As always, please continue to read regularly with your child/ren, it really is invaluable and it means we can change their books each week

Marvellous ME & Kindness Bag

Each week a child from each year group will be chosen as the leaders for the following week and will come home with a card explaining what they need to do and what they need to bring in. The aim of this is to give all children the opportunity to talk and to share during circle time and to develop their confidence in speaking in front of their peers about something that is meaningful to them.

Many thanks,
Katie Lloyd and Carol Alden

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and see us or contact us at, klloyd@clifford.hereford.sch.uk or calden@clifford.hereford.sch.uk

