

Wednesday 4th September 2019



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of a new school year, we hope you all had a great summer! We are back and raring to go.

Our main focus for this half term is to settle in to our classroom and new routines, to build friendships and make great memories. We will of course be doing lots of learning too!

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 '**Responsibility**'. This is an important life skill and we hope to teach the children about the importance of taking responsibility for themselves and their belongings as well as their actions. If you could support with this at home too that would be great.

PE

We are fortunate to have Sophie from PACES coming in to deliver gymnastics lessons every Monday afternoon along with myself. Mrs Alden will then deliver PE on a Friday afternoon, working on those fundamental 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 terms focus will be on 'Number and Place Value'.

***The first piece of homework due in on Monday 9th Septmeber is to cover their pink homework book to make it their own, this could be using plain paper, wrapping paper, brown paper etc.**

Reading

We will be giving the children new books this week. They will bring home 2/3 books at the start of each week. 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.

Information Session

I will be holding an information session for parents/carers on Monday 9th September at 3.40-4.00pm in Willow Tree Classroom. Please come along to find out how to support your child this year and to ask any questions you may have.

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