Dear parents/carers,

First of all, I hope you have all had a restful summer. It has been lovely to see the children enjoying learning and being back with their friends. I thought it would be helpful for you to have information on the routines and expectations in Willow Class.

**P.E will take place on Wednesday.** Please could children will bring their P.E kit in on that day and then take it home at the end of the day to be washed. **Forest School will take place on Fridays.** Similarly, please could children will bring their Forest kit in on Friday morning and take it home at the end of the day to be washed. Their wellingtons can stay at school.

Children should bring in a water bottle every day that will be kept at their desk, which they will take home at the end of each day.

Unfortunately, other items can’t be brought in from home so we won’t be able to do ‘Show and Tell’. As such, all stationery the children may need will be provided by us so we would please ask that pencil cases and stationery stay at home.

The children will be completing Times Tables Club, three times a week and will bring home their sheets so you can monitor their progress as well as support them with learning their times tables at home.

Importantly, children must read at home at least three times a week. The date, title, author and genre of the book should be recorded in their Reading Log. The children do not need to write comments about their reading. Instead, they will be asked to discuss what they have read as well as recommend books they have loved, to the class. I can’t stress the importance of reading at home enough! Research shows that children who read more frequently at home go on to have much better life chances when they are older. In the short term, their vocabulary, knowledge and imagination is greatly enhanced.

Homework will be set each Monday; to be completed by the following Monday. The homework will consist of reading (to be recorded in your child’s Reading Log), Spellings and Maths. Due to COVID restrictions, the Spellings and Maths will be online activities: Spelling Shed and Doodle Maths / TTRS linked to classroom work and your child’s needs. Any queries or difficulties, please let me know.

We are very much looking forward to this year and we have a super class! Please be assured that all the Willow team will be doing our very best in order to ensure that the children feel safe, secure and ready to enjoy learning!

Best Wishes,

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