

West Malling C. E. Primary School

Willow Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 - 2024



Dear Parents / Carers

We hope you have had a lovely summer and made the most of the great weather. It's lovely to see all the children back in school, ready and recharged for another year of learning.

If you have any messages or questions that you wish to ask, please speak with us at the end of the day or email these to willowteacher@west-malling.kent.sch.uk where we will respond as promptly as possible. If, during the day, you have an urgent message, such as a change of pick-up details for that day, please contact the school office as we may not have time during the school day to check emails.

Expectations for Home Learning

Each week the children will be expected to complete the following:

- Reading – their own book or using Bug Club. This should be recorded in the back of the Home Learning book. Each time they read, they also earn points towards their reading certificates and raffle tickets.
- Maths – either Times Tables Rock Stars or Mathletics practice daily. Continued practise of times tables will help your child in many areas of maths.
- A weekly home learning task will be set which is related to topics we are covering in class. In term 1, these tasks will be related to our science topic of Earth and Space. This will be handed out on a Friday and should be completed weekly then handed back in by the following Wednesday. Work will be marked and given a score out of 10 (castle points). There are 5 points available for presentation and 5 points available for content. If your child creates an exceptional piece of home learning, they may be awarded up to 15 castle points. Please be aware that if work is handed in after the Wednesday deadline, it may not be marked that week but will be marked the following week.

Useful Reminders

Please help us to have the best start to the day possible by ensuring your child arrives at school between 8:45-8:55. If your child is unwell, please contact the office on the first day they are absent. Each morning, during the 10-minute registration time, the children will have some 'early work' to complete - this could be calculation or times tables practice, some SPaG or word work.

P.E. for term 1 will be Monday and Friday. Swimming will begin on Monday 16th September. (Please ensure that you return your permission slips as soon as possible).

P.E. for term 2 will be Monday and Thursday. Your child should wear their P.E. kit to school on these days.

Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather - this should include shorts, joggers or leggings (plain black or navy blue please), a plain white T-shirt along with their school sweatshirt or cardigan or school hoodie and trainers, as some P.E. lessons will be outside. Please ensure that all earrings are removed on P.E. days and that long hair is tied back.

Website/school Facebook - Please continue to check the website and Facebook page for useful updates, links to educational resources and to find out what we have been learning about.

Mrs Lyall, Mrs McConnel, Mrs Hillsdon and Mrs Colley