

# Willow's Weekly Review

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Welcome back!



I hope that you had an enjoyable summer holiday and are looking forward to a new school year in Willow class. We have had a busy few days and I have been impressed by the children's enthusiasm and eagerness to learn. We are very fortunate to have Mrs Jo McKeever joining us in Willow as well. She is training to be a teacher and will spend most of each week with us. We are looking forward to getting to know your child as the term progresses. In class this week we have shared our summer holiday news and enjoyed exploring the classroom and outside area. We look forward to meeting you at the Essential Guide to the Year Ahead evening on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Have a lovely weekend,  
*Mrs Balls and Mrs McKeever*

## Curriculum News

Our Enrichment topic is Castles this term and the children were surprised to find their very own castle in Willow classroom! They have shared some ideas of activities that they could do in the role play area. We have discussed class rules and expectations and agreed on our Code of Conduct. We have thought about how to be a kind friend and have designed 'perfect pupils.' We shared our holiday news with each other and wrote a few sentences on paper flip flops displayed in the classroom. Next week RWI lessons will begin again and the children will be introduced to other curriculum subjects.

## Transition Steps

During the first few weeks of Year 1, it is likely that your child will become quite tired as the curriculum becomes more structured. The curriculum will continue to build upon and extend the experiences the children had in Reception. Learning through play will continue to be an important part of the school day and the children will gradually be eased into more formal learning as the year progresses so that they remain motivated and enthusiastic learners.

## Dates for your diary

Week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> September – After school clubs commence

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September – The Essential Guide to the Year Ahead 7.30 pm

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Bourn to Run

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest service in Church (for pupils and staff)

## Home Learning

It will be most helpful if you could read with your child every night and discuss what they have read to make sure they have understood the text. Once RWI starts, your child will also bring home their RWI book to practise. Please read through the red and green words to ensure fluency. On a Thursday your child will bring home a piece of home learning usually related to our Enrichment Curriculum to be returned the following Tuesday.

## Bourn to Run

This wonderful event takes place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. It would be lovely if as many children and parents as possible could be involved, so do register!

## Notices

P.E lessons are on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please ensure that your child has both their indoor and outdoor kits in school and that all items are clearly labelled.