

Beside the Seaside

Welcome to all of our Willow class families. I hope you've all had a wonderful summer break. It is lovely to see our Year 1 and 2 children looking so grown up and our new Reception children have settled in to school beautifully! This half term, our topic is all about the seaside. We will be exploring our topic through Geography, Art and Science lessons. Towards the end of this half term, we will be visiting a local beach to complete our final 'flourish' task – creating some transient art using seaside materials.

English

This half term, we will be using quality texts to practise and learn a range of key writing skills.

The texts we will explore are:

'Julian is a Mermaid' by Jessica Love (EYFS/Y1)

'Jim and the Beanstalk' by Raymond Briggs (Y2)

'House held up by Trees' by Ted Kooser (Y2)

Reading

At school, all children will take part in a daily Guided Reading lesson. We will also be visiting our school library regularly.

Children will bring home two phonics books each week which match the phonics sounds they are learning in school. They will also bring home a library book. Please read daily with your child to enable them to practise their developing reading skills. In Willow class, the expectation is that children read at home daily for around 10 minutes. Please record in your child's reading record each time you read together at home. Children's phonics books will be changed on a Friday.

Children will also be reading their phonics books with an adult at least once a week in class. We will continue to feedback to you about your child's 1:1 reading using their reading records.

Maths

This half term, Year R will be focussing on:

- Match, sort and compare
- Measure and patterns

This half term, Year 1 will be focussing on:

- Place Value (within 10)

This half term, Year 2 will be focussing on:

- Place Value (within 10)
- Addition and Subtraction

PSHE

This half term we will be focussing on 'families and relationships'.

Religious Education

This half term, we will be focussing on the question: 'What did Jesus teach about God in his Parables?'

Reminders

P.E – **Year 1 and 2** will have P.E on a **Friday** this half term. Children should come to school in their P.E kit.

Forest School – **Year 1 and 2** will have Forest school lessons on a **Wednesday** afternoon this half term. Children should come to school in 'old clothes' which cover their arms/legs and are weather appropriate. Don't forget to bring in wellies!

Reception children will not be joining in with P.E and Forest School this half term. Please check newsletters for updates about when they will be starting these sessions.

Please remember to send your child to school with a named water bottle.

Please remember to keep toys at home where they will be safest.

Please remember to bring book bags in every day so that we are able to read with children in school.

Thank you!

Class email

If you have any questions or would like to share any fantastic home-learning with us, you can use our class email:

willow@singleton.school

Homework

Homework will be sent home in the form of a 'grid' for **Year 1 and 2** which will be stuck into their homework book. The expectation in Willow Class is that children should complete at least **one** task from the grid. Your child may complete more if they wish. All completed homework must be sent in by **Monday 16th October**. Willow Class will then spend an afternoon in the final week of the half term sharing their homework with the class.

Spellings/Phonics

We will occasionally send home phonics/spelling sheets to support children's learning so please check book bags regularly. There is no requirement for you to return these sheets – they are for you to keep to support your child's learning at home.

Author Study

Our author of the half term is: **Jonny Duddle**

We will be learning all about Jonny Duddle and sharing lots of his stories.

