



Willow Classroom News!

Welcome to the Wonderful Willow class! Happy New Year - I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas! We are sad to be without Mrs Darling but are looking forward to an exciting half-term. The children have all come back to school with a fantastic attitude to learning and I am very excited to be teaching them full-time this half term.

Topic: This half-term our topic is 'Do you believe in Fairytales?' In Science, we will be naming and sorting materials. In D&T, we will be using our knowledge of materials to make an item of clothing for a fairytale character. In Geography, we will be looking at human and physical features on a map. The children will also be making their own map of their journey to school.

Phonics and English: In phonics, we will be recapping phase 5 alternative sounds and focussing on all the sounds within a particular family e.g. ee, ea, ey, y, e-e. We will continue to learn more common exception words. In English, the children will be reading a number of traditional stories and fairytales. They will be innovating the story of Little Red Riding Hood and learning to use question marks and exclamation marks in their writing.

Our values

As a school this term we are focussing on the values of **perseverance and respect.**

What we are learning...

Maths: This term we will be consolidating place value and then moving on to addition and subtraction both within 20. The children will continue to develop their mastery and problem solving skills. By the end of Year 1 the children need to be fluent counting forwards and backwards in 2's to 20, 5's to 50 and 10's to 100 - so any practise you can do at home would be appreciated.

Dates for your diary...

w/c 27.1.20 - Inspirational People Week

11.2.20 - Safer Internet Day

Reminders...

Thank you for your kind cards, gifts and well wishes for Christmas - we are all very grateful - the Y1 team.

This term we will be doing PE on a **Tuesday afternoon** and a **Thursday morning**. Please make sure your child has a fully labelled PE kit in school - white T shirt, red shorts and black pumps.

Reading - please listen to your child read regularly. We will be changing the children's books during Guided Reading - so please ensure they always have books in their book bags.

Please make sure that your child has a water bottle in school every day.