



# Willow Class Newsletter

Wow, what a busy term it has been! I was incredibly proud of Willow class for their wonderful nativity performance. We hope parents and grandparents enjoyed Born in a Barn. Thank you to everyone who attended the reading Express Event. The feedback was very positive.

This letter is a small 'snapshot' celebration newsletter of many of the amazing activities and achievements from Willow Class this term, as well as, providing an insight into the topics we will be covering next term.

Enjoy the Christmas holiday and I look forward to seeing you all next term. I would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Kind Regards, Miss Drayson

## P.E

**Monday**

**Wednesday**

Please could you ensure your child has a **named** P.E kit on these days.

Children will not be able to take part in P.E if they do not have a full P.E kit.

## **HOMEWORK**

Homework will continue to be handed out on a Friday and will be asked to be returned no later than the following Friday. Spellings will continue to be set weekly with a 'Spelling Quiz' taking place the following Friday (unless stated otherwise). Some weeks there may be an additional piece of Literacy or Maths homework set which will be stuck into the homework book. Reading is

## Curriculum Information

**Our Topic for Term 3 is: 'Castles'.**

Our Topic work this term will be History based and will focus on Castles both locally and nationally. This topic will involve looking into castle life as well as how castles have changed over time. As outlined in a previous letter, year 2 will kick start their new topic with an exciting dress up day on Friday 4th January 2019. During this day we would like the children to get into the spirit of castle life by dressing up as one of the castle occupants. This could be a lord, king, queen, knight, archer, prisoner, cook or even the maid. The costume can be as simple or as extravagant as you like!

**Science**— we will be learning about 'Animals including Humans'. This will involve life cycles, the importance of exercise and hygiene.

**Literacy**— we will be learning how to use a range of different punctuation types through our Literacy work on our new termly book and non fiction work on castles. Spelling words with different suffixes will be a focus within our Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar lessons (SPaG).

**Maths**—we will be recalling and using multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5, 10 and 3 multiplication tables. This will include problem solving and calculating mathematical statements.

**RE**— our big question will be 'What is the good news that Jesus brings?'

## Home Learning



Next term a home learning project will be set to make a model of a castle. Even though this project will not be set until January, this time of year is a great opportunity to keep any big cardboard boxes or cardboard tube rolls in preparation for this.



# Celebrations



Year 2 have been reading 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket within their English lessons. As part of their Art work, Willow Class discussed 'Starry Starry Night' by Vincent Van Gogh and painted their own interpretations of the picture. Willow Class used white and yellow paint in the sky to create a glowing effect. The children were encouraged to use different shades of blue for the sky. Here are some examples of our own 'Starry Starry Night' paintings.

I was very proud of the children for their performance of 'Born in a Barn'. We hope you enjoyed the performance just as much as the children did.



This term we had a very exciting Children in Need day. We dressed up in our pyjamas to raise money. We also created our own Pudsey superheroes.