



# Willow Class Newsletter

Wow, what a busy term it has been! I was incredibly proud of Willow class for their wonderful Singing Spectacular performance for our Lower Halstow DVD. We hope you enjoy watching the DVD. The children have really impressed me with their writing this term—they certainly enjoyed learning and writing about nocturnal animals.

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,

Stay safe and best wishes, Miss Drayson

## P.E

Monday

Tuesday

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

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

Please note our PE days are now Monday and Tuesdays

## **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). Reading is also part of the weekly homework. It is also encouraged that your children continues to practise and recall number bond facts to 10 and 20. Numbots is an excellent resource for this. Next term we will be focusing on recalling our  $\times 2$ ,  $\times 5$  and  $\times 10$  multiplication tables. Children can practise these on Times Table Rock stars. The same log in details for Numbots can be used.

## 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. Year 2 will kick start their new topic with an exciting dress up day on Friday 8th January 2020. 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 'Materials and their properties'. This will involve lots of investigations and the uses of different materials.

**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 phonics lessons.

**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?'



# 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 our own 'Starry Starry Night' paintings.



As part of our maths lessons we have been selecting the correct coins to use when adding money together using pounds and pence.

