



# Welcome to Willow Tree Class

We hope that you and your family have all had a great summer and are ready for your child's new adventure in Willow Tree Class! We start this term with our whole school transition theme of 'Together We Learn and Grow' and we will be looking at the stories from the BewilderWood series. We have lots of interesting subjects to look forward to including how transport has changed in history and exploring hot and cold climates around the world in geography. We will also be taking a look at the classification of different animals in science and may have some creepy, crawly, slithery, furry guests coming in to visit us!

Below we have highlighted a few handy things for you to know about our weekly routine:

- Our PE days are Monday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor.) Children can come into school in their school PE kits plus plain joggers / leggings and a plain hoodie. Please ensure your child also wears trainers and not pumps as they will be wearing these shoes all day so need good foot support. Ideally children should be able to tie their own shoelaces or if not, Velcro shoes are advisable! If your child has their ears pierced, then we advise they take them out on PE days as we are unable to assist them in school. Otherwise they will have to be covered with tape. Finally, please also ensure your child has a labelled drink bottle in school every day for hydration.
- Developing reading is a top priority in KS1 and we aim to hear your child read individually and as a group. We also provide many other opportunities to read in school too. However, we also need your help! Please aim to listen to your child read **at least** three times a week and sign their journal every time they read. Please feel free to comment on how well they have done too! If your child reads at least three times a week, they will receive a raffle ticket and be entered into a prize draw to be our reading champion at the end of each term.

Two reading books will be sent home each week for you and your child to read throughout the week.

- Homework will be given out every Friday and will need to be handed in no later than the following Wednesday. It will always be published on Google classroom and may not necessarily always be in books. The homework will be an extension of what your child has been doing in class and will alternate between maths and English. From

time to time the children may also be asked to do project homework over a couple of weeks.

- There will also be weekly spellings posted on google classroom for your child to practise their words.
- We will also choose a 'star of the week' who gets to take home our class Teddy and his journal so you can record what adventures he gets up to when she comes home with you!
- Your child will be awarded house points each day for good behaviour, positive attitude, acts of kindness and hard work. To achieve bronze the children, need 80 points, silver is 160 and gold is 250 points.
- To help us throughout the day would you please label all your child's clothes, snack boxes and water bottles.

We hope that has answered any questions you may have. However, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to speak to one of our team.

Many thanks for your support and we look forward to a wonderful year!

**Mrs Bani and Miss Fellows**