

We are all enjoying being back at school and learning together in Willows.

Our topic this first term has been The Great Fire of London. Unfortunately, we will not actually be visiting London in person, but we will be exploring the area where the fire broke out virtually to compare historical London to the London of today. We are all enjoying learning about Samuel Pepys and we have been learning to write diaries. We will also be writing news paper reports about the events during the Great Fire of London. We are practising forming our numbers as well as our letters so that we can use joined handwriting.

Homework – Children will be sent home spellings on a regular basis. Please practise these with your child using the fun spelling activity tricks in the pack sent home at the beginning of this term. Children need to learn to READ and SPELL these words. When they can read fluently and SPELL the word fluently they can colour it in. Please do not return the sheets to school. Children will be tested at school and then new lists sent home.

Through RE and Art we are exploring the story of creation and will be creating our own ideas of what we would create if we made the world?

Home reading books – We are not currently sending reading books home but children are encouraged to read daily at home. They will have many opportunities to read independently and with an adult at school to further develop their reading skills.

Maths homework- children will need to count in 2's, 5's and 10's and learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. They have been learning number order, position and formation and they will also be practising all related vocabulary linked to numbers, addition and subtraction this term. Other maths games to encourage their number and maths language skills and activities can be played with your child/children at home :-

- card games-pairs, snap, dominoes, board games with dice e.g. snakes and ladders, monopoly etc.
- playing shops to help them understand and use money, looking at prices of objects on your shopping list
- counting objects around the house and in the environment
- adding objects together (including adding up their pocket money and subtracting when they spend some)
- ordering and writing numbers up to and above 100

Lockers –Only coats and any pack lunches will need to be stored in children's lockers.

Locker dimensions – 40cm x 28cm x 40cm

P.E. – will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If children have earrings, they could take them out on these days. If ears have recently been pierced **children can bring in their own reel of micro-pore tape to put over their earrings themselves.** They also need to remove any other jewellery when taking part in PE lessons due to health and safety reasons. **Please could you ensure that all of your child's uniform and P.E. kits (including plimsoles/trainers) have their names in them.**

Toilets-Willows will be using the toilets in the Millennium Hall. They are reminded to go to toilet at play time and lunch time and can go during lessons where required.

Children can bring in **a bottle of water (no juice or flavoured water),** to drink during the day.

Children are encouraged to become increasingly independent as the year progresses.

It's been a great term so far and we are all pleased to be working together again.

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