

Autumn Term 2023

Welcome to Willow Class

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely summer break. This year, the children will be taught by Mrs Daisy Bradford on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and by Mrs Jody Marshall on Thursday and Friday. Please do come and see us at the end of the day when we will be happy to answer any questions. We have a number of procedures already in place to ensure continuity of provision throughout the week. Mrs Caroline Stubbs will be our teaching assistant in the mornings this year. She has worked with many of your children before and is an exceptionally important member of our team.

New Arrivals

Joining us in Willow Class is Eleanor T. We welcome her to Martley and look forward to helping her settle in over the next few weeks.

Arrival and Dismissal

Children can arrive at school between **8:45am** and **9:00am** for our soft start. Willow Class children use the pupil entrance and their lockers will either be located to the left or directly outside our classroom door. Home time is at **3:20pm** and pick up is from the Willow Class door. Please arrive promptly to pick up your child and wait in clear sight of the classroom door on the playground.

Curriculum

Please see the curriculum overview for Willow Class Autumn 1 – on Dojo soon.

Additional information:

In history this half term the children will be learning more about ‘The Stone Age’ and we have lots of exciting activities planned. Stay tuned on Class Dojo for photos! After half term, our topic focus will be geography and we will be learning about the human and physical characteristics of the UK.

Our english work will focus on a number of topic related texts starting with, The First Drawing by Mordicai Gerstein. In maths, Year 4 will be taught by Mrs Bradford and Mrs Marshall. Year 3 will be taught by Mrs Stubbs. Both year groups are starting their maths learning with place value.

Finally, all children in Willow Class will have the opportunity to learn to play the recorder in Music. The recorders will be sent home after our first lesson – more information on this to follow.

Home Learning

Reading: It is crucial for your child to continue to read at home regularly this year. Children will be provided with a reading book. There will be regular opportunities for the children to discuss their reading likes and dislikes and for staff to guide them in the right direction when choosing the next book to read.

Times Tables: The new whole school 'Martley Multiplication Mountain Challenge' will begin this year, intended to help the children experience success with the rising demands of the maths curriculum and, specifically for Year 4, to prepare them for the upcoming Multiplication Check.

Spelling: Children will complete games on *Spelling Shed* at school during the week and, again, it would be extremely beneficial for them to practise regularly at home also. The lists children will have access to will change weekly and they are linked to our spelling lessons in school. Their spelling progress will be assessed in Hive games each Friday. Paper lists will also be stuck into reading records each Friday.

Other Information

- P.E. days in Willow Class are **Mondays** and **Thursday (starting Monday 11th September)**. Please send your child to school in their full P.E. kit, including a plain black jumper/hoodie if it is cooler. They will not need to bring any other uniform with them. Our rugby sessions will be on **Mondays** and the children will require a second pair of shoes (rugby boots are allowed) in a bag to change into please.
- Named water bottles must be in school each day. Water only please.
- Please remember that lunches must be ordered in advance using ParentPay.
- Class Dojo will continue to be used as a behaviour system across the school; the rewards and sanctions are linked to our school values. Please look out for any messages and letters, including Class Story to find out what we have been up to in class!

*Mrs Daisy Bradford,
Mrs Jody Marshall and
Mrs Caroline Stubbs*

