

Welcome to Willow Class.

We hope that you will find the following information useful. Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Holloway via admin@chapmanslade.wilts.sch.uk if you have any further questions or would like to arrange a meeting. Alternatively, Ms Holloway or Mrs Harris (the class TA) will be at the top gate every morning and at the end of school day if you have a quick question or message to give.

Willow Class is now in the Old (original) building. We have spent time to make it a vibrant and welcoming place to learn for our KS1 pupils. They (and the teachers!) have settled in well. We have moved the library into the hall and Willow Class have 'The Nest' to read, learn through play and have some quiet time. Our Little Red Riding Hood display has brought The Nest to life.



Start of the day

All children are expected to come into class on their own. Either myself (Ms Holloway) or Mrs Harris will be available to take messages at the start of the day. All children wash their hands when they get to school. If your child is bringing their own snack to school, please ensure that it is in a named pot or bag. Free fruit is still being provided for KS1 pupils who do not wish to bring in their own fruit/healthy snack.

End of the day

Children will be walked to the gate and dismissed by a teacher and TA. Please notify Mrs McCall or the class teacher if your child is being collected by someone other than the parent. Please encourage your child to leave school in a sensible, quiet manner and observe social distancing.

Reading

In Willow class, we aim to hear pupils read on a 1-1 basis at least three times a week and new books will be issued by the class teacher or TA. Please remember that it is not a race to see how quickly the children can get through each stage, it's a steady progression of reading skills. Children who have regular support at home (reading to their parents, being read to and talking about stories) will make better and stronger progress in learning these skills and will develop a love of books and reading. Please record any reading your child does at home in the yellow reading record. We love to see what other reading materials they are reading.

In addition to reading 1-1, children will be practising their reading and phonic skills in phonic lessons. These 20 minute lessons will take place five times a week. Children will be grouped according to their year group.

Homework

Reading, completing assigned mathematics and readiwriter (Spelling) tasks are to be completed each week. Please speak to the class teacher if you are having difficulty with accessing the tasks. Log in details are stuck in the front of your child's yellow reading record book. Occasionally, a worksheet may be sent home to consolidate learning. Worksheets do not need to be returned to school.

The first mathematics and readiwriter activities will go live on Friday 11th September. New activities will be set every Friday.

Please use the support page from the mathematics/readiwriter website for technical issues.

Spellings

The spellings are taken from the National curriculum and can be tricky. We encourage the children to have a go. The words are also linked to phonics and can be used to develop their sight vocabulary. Please support your child in learning to read and write the spelling words by using readiwriter. A new word list will be added to readiwriter every Friday. A list of spellings for the term will no longer be sent home. Pupils will be 'tested' on their spellings every Friday.

If your child is finding the spellings challenging, help them to learn two or three of the words. Revisit words as often as possible.

PE

PE kit is to be worn to school on Tuesday and Thursday. PE lessons will be outside so please ensure that jogging bottoms are worn over shorts and a black zip up top is worn over the coloured house T-Shirt.

Knowledge Organiser

These will be sent home at the start of each block of learning. Each block ranges from one to three weeks. Please take time to look through the knowledge organiser. Pupils will complete a short quiz at the end of each block of learning. The first Knowledge organiser will be sent home next week (Week commencing 14th September).

Celebration Assembly

We are unable to meet as a whole school for Friday's celebration assembly but we continue to award leaves for learner of the week. Please encourage your child to tell us about any rewards/medals/certificates achieved outside of school.

Willow Class have made an excellent start to this academic year. Please look out for our next class newsletter!

