

Summer 1 Newsletter

Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely break. This half term our topic is 'The Wind in the Willows'. As well as making the story the focus of our English lessons, we will also link it to our science work on habitats and make some animal puppets in design technology. Further information can be found on the curriculum jigsaw.

SATS Assessments

The children will continue to be taught as usual but will be given a SATs paper to do in May for reading, mathematics and spelling, punctuation and grammar. This will be done in a sensitive way to ensure that children are prepared and not in any way nervous. The results of these tests will inform my overall judgements but will **not** be the final assessment they receive in their end of year report. Please see me if you have any questions or concerns. You can support your child by doing homework together and continuing to listen to your child reading aloud. I have attached some extra information about the tests including a link to a video explaining the SATs assessments found at the following address:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

Star of the Week

Every Friday one child will be chosen to be our 'Star of the Week' and two children will be invited to be in celebration worship which takes place on a Friday at 2:30pm in the school hall. We will contact you to let you know who is taking part by text so look out on a Thursday. All families are invited to join us.

General Reminders...

The children will be doing PE on **Monday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school all week and that all items are clearly labelled. Earrings should not be worn for P.E so we advise they should be removed on the day of the lesson.

Any letters or reply slips, which need to be returned, can be put in your child's book bag. The children are expected to check them each morning and give things in before the morning register.

The children will have a weekly spelling test on a Friday. Children will be given spellings to learn on a Friday to take home and will be tested the following week. Spelling lists can be found on the school website.

Homework will be a piece of English and Maths but may also include topic work and research depending on what is being taught that week. Most homework tasks will be set from the purple, red and white booklets your child has been given. The blue homework diary will show the task set. The homework wallet will be given out on a Friday and is expected to be handed in by the following Wednesday to allow time for marking. Big talk homework is given out on Wednesday to inform parents of our writing focus and give an opportunity for discussion at home before the children do an extended piece of writing on Thursday.