

Summer 2021

Willow Class Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to the summer term in Willow. Hopefully, we will be able to get outside a little more now that the weather is improving. Until the guidance around COVID changes, things will remain as they were last term. Please continue to support your child reading at home by hearing them read at least 4 times a week. We will return to weekly spellings this term which will be posted on Google classroom. If you are one of the children who has access to Lexia, please try to fit in some time on this at home as we have noticed less activity than hoped!

If you have any queries please email me at cthomas@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk

The Scented Garden —(Subjects: **Science**, English, DT, Art, Music, PE)

Tiptoe through the tulips as your senses discover the blooming foliage and enchanting fragrances of flowers and herbs. Round and round the mulberry bush we go, planting bulbs and seeds, and then watch them grow beneath sunshine and showers. Explore the astounding world of the scented garden, but be careful, there are some wild and dangerous plants out there that do astonishing things. Don't touch them. Use the marvellous properties of plants, flowers and herbs to make an exceptional gift for somebody special. Everything is coming up roses. Why not grow your own?



 **English:** This term we will begin by focusing on sentences and learning through our topic. We will move on to learning about and writing non-chronological reports about plants. We will also look at the traditional story of Jack and the Beanstalk. Each week children will focus on a different sound in phonics and a different set of spellings to learn at home. We will continue to read as often as possible and enjoy a daily story read by Mr Thomas or Mrs Reeve.



Maths — This term we will be re-capping some number work around the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) before moving onto fractions. A lot of this learning will involve using practical maths' resources to help understanding. Year 2s will focus on learning their 2, 5 and 10 times tables off by heart. Towards the end of term we will also look at volume/ capacity, time and directions.

 PSHE will have a focus on families and friendships as well as supporting the ongoing mental health of children. We will also deliver learning about relationship and sex education.

PE will be on a Tuesday and, until circumstances change, children are asked to wear their PE kits to school to avoid contact during changing.



 **RE** - Learning will focus around the question 'Who is Jewish and How do they live?' Children will learn what Jewish people believe and become familiar with the Jewish stories.

Also happening—We will aim to get down to the woods every so often to enjoy what it has to offer. As restrictions ease, hopefully we will be able to get out and about a bit more.

We look forward to an exciting summer term in Willow and all that we've got planned.

Mr Thomas and Mrs Reeve