



Summer 2024

Willow Class Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to the summer term in Willow. Flowers are blooming and the sun is shining (at the time of writing)! This term we can get out and about more because of some drier days (hopefully)! Watch this space for news of a class trip later this term.

Please continue to support your child's reading, spellings and number work through their weekly homework.

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

1st half term: Pesky Pirate! —(History and Geography) Set sail, the life of a pirate beckons. Prepare yourself for the open waters, it is time to embark on the vast ocean. Chart your course, uncover mysteries, and discover new lands, just like the legendary Captain Cook. Build a boat, sink a ship, hoist the Jolly Roger. Speak like a pirate, write like a poet, then weigh and measure a pirate's booty. How are maritime rescues carried out? Learn about valiant volunteers and the courageous Miss Darling, rowing through turbulent waters. Sing a sea shanty while scrubbing the deck. Then search the school grounds for Captain Longbeard's hidden treasure.




2nd half term: I do like to be beside the seaside —(Driver subject: Science)




Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside. Do you? That's good, because you're about to become an expert beachcomber. You'll head to a beach to look for interesting and unusual objects, using your senses to spot, sniff and seek them out. Have you seen the rock pools yet? We can take a peek into the cool water to learn about the weird and wonderful animals and plants in their microhabitats. Let's invent an amazing rock pool resident.

What features will it need to survive happily in its watery habitat? Make a 3-D model of your plant or creature. Got your shorts and sunglasses on? Bucket and spade at the ready? Let's get beachcombing.

 This term we will be using books linked with our theme (such as *Troll* by Julia Donaldson) to inspire writing. This will include learning to structure our own stories, writing letters and designing non-fiction leaflets. Children will also develop their use of different devices in sentences e.g. conjunctions. We will continue to read as often as possible and enjoy a daily class story. Phonics will continue to happen daily for year 1 and 2.




Maths — In mathematics this term children will be learning about fractions through images and resources. Year 1 children will further develop their understanding of numbers to 100 whilst year 2s will look at statistics in the form of simple graphs. Children will then learn to tell the time using analogue clocks as well as looking at different units of time. The children will be able to play some outside games when we look at position and direction towards the end of the term. We will also recap the methods of addition and subtraction.

 PSHE will have a focus on health and wellbeing, including sleep, growing older and safety. We will also deliver learning about relationships and sex education. (further info to follow)

PE will continue on a Monday with daily physical exercise (LEAP) making the equivalent of another hour of PE a week (often more).



 **RE** - 'What makes some places sacred to believers?' and 'What is the good news that Jesus brings?' will be the two units covered.

Music—In music children will be listening to songs about friendship, including *You've Got a Friend in Me* and *We Go Together*. They will be learning to sing some of these songs.



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

Mr Thomas and Miss Marks