

# Willow Class

January 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new term. I hope you had an exciting Christmas. Thank you for all the lovely cards and presents myself and Mrs Chase received.

This term the year 6 children will be visiting the John Radcliffe Hospital for the Injury Minimisation Project (IMPS) and the fire station for Junior Citizens. More details will follow nearer the time.

After half term, the year 6 children will also begin to focus on the Key Stage 2 SATs, which are in May.

Our topic until Easter is 'Comparing People & Places'. This will include:

- 🌐 Geography - Horspath & Oxford, The Grand Canyon, Amazon, The Alps and map skills.
- 🎨 Art - combining mediums (photos and art work)
- 🌐 DT - food from other cultures

PE is on a Tuesday and Wednesday and children should have an indoor and outdoor kit in school, including plimsolls or trainers. It is helpful if they can keep their kit in school all week, as we may need it on other days. Please note all children with long hair will need a hairband to tie their hair back for PE.

## Reading

We want to encourage daily reading for pleasure at Horspath. In the past we have asked children to complete short tasks or comment about the book they are reading in their reading diary, but we have decided that these sorts of activities would be better done in class in a new reading journal. We still encourage children to read at home every night and to write down the page number they reached, and house points will be awarded for reading.

Learning logs (homework) will be given on a Friday and should be handed in the following Tuesday, unless there is a specific date given. House points are also awarded for completing learning logs and the standard of work. The children should be responsible for handing in their homework on time and if it is not completed or handed in, they will complete it at school in their own time.

If you have any queries about what your child will be doing this term or have any concerns about your child, please come and see me either before or after school and I will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Michelle Bailey