

Willow Class

January 2018

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: each and every one was appreciated. I am sure the children will settle back into school quickly and be ready to work hard over the coming term.

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 'Ancient Greece' starting with the Ancient Greece day on Thursday 11th January. It will also include:

- 🌐 History - The Empire, buildings, trade, the Olympics & democracy..
- 🌐 Art - repeating patterns & Greek pots
- 🌐 Literacy - Greek myths & Aesop's fables

In science, we will be learning about properties and changes of materials.

PE is on a Tuesday 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. The year 5 children will also be swimming on a Monday afternoon and a separate letter will be sent regarding this.

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 Thursday 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