

Welcome to Willow Class

I hope you have all had a lovely summer break, and enjoyed some quality time together as a family. We have had a great first couple of days in Willow Class, and it has been lovely to see the children so settled in their new classroom. I will be teaching the children each day, supported by **Mrs Shillitoe** (Mon-Tues) and **Mrs Lawton** (Weds-Fri).

I will be out of class on Thursday afternoons for my planning time and **Mrs Walsh** will cover this.

Our **English** unit will be focused around the text 'Way Home for Wolf' by Rachel Bright. We will be:

- Exploring lots of new vocabulary.
- Writing character descriptions based on the animals in the book.
- Researching wolves and then using our research to write a non-chronological report.
- Revising the use of capital letters and full stops and learning how to use commas in a list.

PE The children should come into school on their PE days wearing their PE kits. However, this must be school PE kit – plain white t-shirt and black shorts. School jumpers/cardigans or hoodies as normal over the top. Children can come in their black trainers and pumps are to be kept in school.

PE days are **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays** until half term, and our units will be gymnastics and playground games.

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In Topic we will be finding out about our local area. Which continent do we live in? Which country? Which county? We will be exploring maps, both digitally and on paper and considering what makes Garstang so special. We aim to go on a walk around the local area in the next few weeks to undertake some geography fieldwork.

In Science we will be learning all about habitats. We will be considering what habitats are, why habitats are special and who and what different things live in different habitats across the world. We will be doing lots of exploring in the school grounds.

In RE we will be exploring aspects of Hinduism and in **PSHE** our topic will be 'Me and My Relationships'.

In Maths we will be

- Consolidating our understanding of place value to 20 from year one, and then moving onto numbers to 100.
- Adding and subtracting 1 and 2-digit numbers. We will look at lots of strategies for solving different calculations.



Homework:

Please read with your child every day and sign their reading record. It makes a huge difference to their progress. We will be reading with your children over the next week to ensure that they are on the correct book level so don't worry if your child doesn't come home with a book straight away. After this, books will be changed every **Monday** and **Thursday**. Reading books should be in school every day so that we can read with the children too. Library day will be a Friday.



Spellings will be set on Spelling Shed each week and maths will be set on diagnostic questions. Homework will begin on **Thursday 14th September** and details will be sent home on a separate letter.