

Willow's Summer Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now in the Summer Term. What an exciting time: full of new learning opportunities, fun and hopefully lots of sunshine!

Key Dates: W/B 20th May – Assessments week

Friday 7th June- Activities Week Share

Monday 10th June- Botanical Gardens Trip

Friday 14th June- Willow Class Assembly

Wednesday 26th June – Sports Day



Top tips for what's needed in school each week.

Every day

- Reading book and reading journal
- Water bottle
- Lunch (if not school dinners)
- Suitable outdoor clothing- hats and sun-cream for reapplication when appropriate

Special days

- Monday- Swimming kits
- Wednesday - PE kit

PE Changes

We will still be participating in PE on **Wednesday** each week this term with Miss Jeffs and our focus will be on multi-sport skills. On a **Monday**, we will be undertaking Swimming sessions as our second session of PE each week. This will make use of our school pool at Thurlow and be led by Miss Peacock with her swimming Coaching skills.

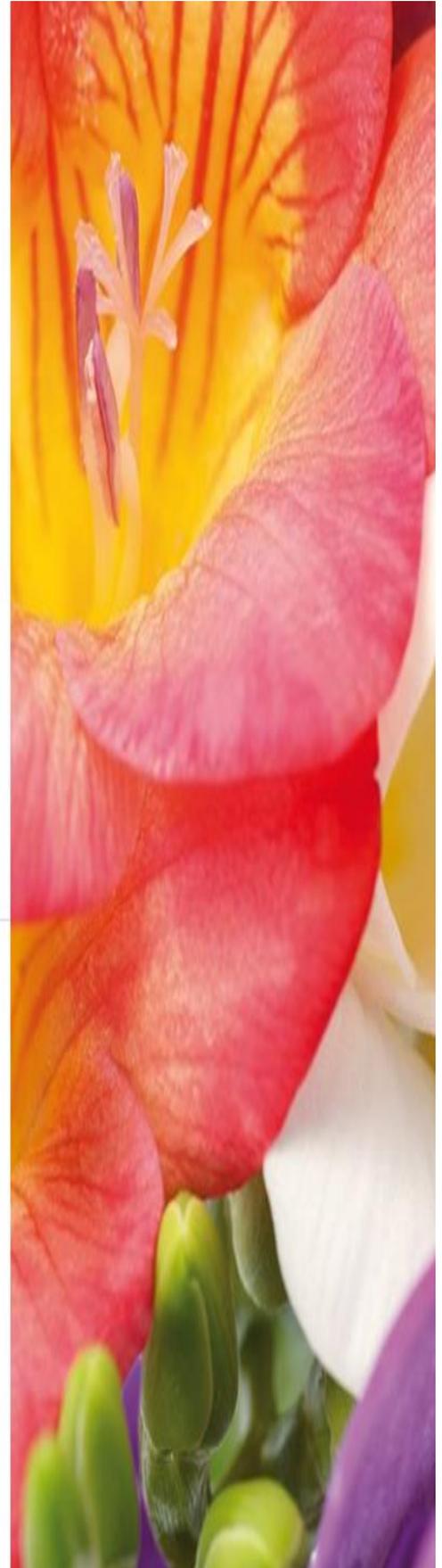
Your child will need to ensure their PE kit is in school every week.

A reminder that a PE kit should include:

- A pair of trainers
- A pair of black shorts or a black pair of PE bottoms
- PE t-shirt
- PE sweater

Swimming kits should include:

- A one-piece swimming costume or swimming shorts
- A towel
- Goggles
- If possible waterproof footwear to travel on concrete between the pools and changing room



Curriculum Learning

Here is some key information about what your children will be learning in school during the first part of Summer Term. Our theme is 'The Scented Garden'. We'll visit our local allotment area to find out how to look after plants, ask the experts questions and appreciate the flowers and crops. Discovering our green fingers will be fun when we plant and tend a pizza garden of herbs. We'll also learn about the different parts of a plant and create our own 'planting and growing' action rhyme. Our senses will help us describe and sort a range of smells and we'll make beautifully scented products. We'll look closely at a wide variety of plants, create detailed, observational drawings and press real flowers to use in collages.

At the end of our project, we will have become plant experts! We'll create a presentation about plants, share the information books that we have made and design a fantasy garden.

In English, some of the genres we will cover include writing an information book about plants, follow instructions, enjoy the story of *Jack and the Beanstalk* and write stories of our own.

The companion projects for this theme we are studying science-based modules including 'What's on your wellies?', 'Can seeds grow anywhere?' and 'How does grass grow?' These will teach the children about the needs of a plant and investigating these through enquiry. Children will think scientifically and discuss these questions.

In Maths, we will further our place value and number skills, learn about position and direction, telling the time and touching on fractions. These will include lots of maths reasoning, problem-solving work and investigations.



A final note...

Other updates and special notices will continue to come to you during the term but we hope this has provided a insight of things to look forward to; Please keep an eye out on Class Dojo for pictures and updates. If you need to speak to any member of the team, the best way to contact us continues to be via Class Dojo.



Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Thompson and Ms Shilling

Willow Teaching Team