



Denton Primary School

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Dear parents,

We would like to welcome all the children to Willow Class and hope they have enjoyed their first week back

Our topic for this term is all about people in art, focussing on portraits. The children will learn lots of new art skills and will have the opportunity to create their own portraits using a range of materials and media. They will also be learning all about the life and work of Pablo Picasso, exploring his many different styles and comparing his work with that of other famous artists.

In Literacy this term, the children will be writing Autumn fact files and poetry. They will be learning how to write a non-chronological report and will write one on the theme of 'Ourselves.' Spelling, punctuation and grammar skills will also be taught and practiced daily.

In maths this term we will be working on adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers and using place value and number facts to solve problems using numbers within 100. The children will also do daily mental maths sessions to practice maths skills taught.

Book bags need to be brought to school daily and reading books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday, if they have been read. Please sign the reading record book, so we know when reading books are ready to be changed and feel free to write a comment about your child's reading too. Please could I remind you that your child should use book bags only and not rucksacks or other large bags, as we have limited room for these? Your child will be heard reading other books each week as part of a guided reading group. The learning objective will be put in your child's reading record book for each guided reading session.

Spellings will be given on a Friday to practice and learn and these will be tested the following Friday each week in a spelling test. Spelling books need to be kept in your child's book bag ready for the test each Friday. A weekly homework book will also be sent home on a Friday and will be due the following Wednesday. It will contain either some Literacy or Maths work for your child to practice, based on what they have been taught that week.

There will be two PE sessions each week on a Tuesday and Friday, so please could you make sure your child has a labelled PE kit at school, which will be sent home to be washed during school holidays. Games lessons will be held outside so your child will need some jogging suit bottoms/leggings and a sweatshirt too, when the weather gets colder.

A daily fruit snack will be provided for your child to eat at morning break. A drinks bottle containing water only can be kept in the classroom, to keep your child hydrated during the school day.

Finally, when collecting your child at the end of the day, please could you wait near the bottom of the ramp of Willow Class mobile, so that we can release children safely to you.

Please feel free to speak to us if you need to discuss anything. We hope your child has an enjoyable year in Willow Class.

Thank you.

Jo Jeffery
(Morning teacher)

Sharon Moran
(Afternoon teacher)

Bev Burrows
(Teaching Assistant)