



## Willow Class Parents/Carers Term 3 Newsletter

### **On Safari**

Welcome to Term 3. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year.

#### **English**

We will be continuing Level 3 phonics. Please practise the sounds and tricky words on the bookmarks.

We will be continuing with drawing club three times a week and the children continue to impress us with their writing! The children will bring home a copy of the Talk for Writing story map. Please ask them to use it and tell you the story. When they are familiar with it they can make changes to what happens and make the story their own.

#### **Maths**

This term we will be continuing Mastering number. We will be subitising numbers to 6 and matching the numeral to the quantity. We will be counting and learning that the order we say the numbers is important and that the last number we say is how many we have. We will be looking at making numbers from parts and combining them to make a whole amount. We will be using the vocabulary 'more than', 'fewer than' and 'equal'.

#### **Understanding the World**

We will be finding out about animals and the ways in which they are similar and different. We will be learning about the continent of Africa and what it would be like to be on Safari.

#### **ART**

This term our focus is 'Painting the Savannah'. We will be looking at the texture of different animal skin and creating our own textured pictures. We will be considering the colours of the Savannah and painting our own landscapes.

#### **Music**

This term we will be focusing on vocal sounds and how we can change our voice to make high and low pitch sounds. We will be listening to lots of different genres of music and identifying them. We will be learning about the beat and seeing if we can keep the beat.

#### **PE**

This term we will be focusing on the gymnastics. We will be working on our core strength to help with our balance so we can hold shapes without wobbling! We will be learning the importance of jumping and landing safely and how to use apparatus correctly.

#### **RE**

Our school value this term is trust. We will be talking about what trust means and who we can trust. We will be learning about what it means to be precious and unique and explore how Christians believe that all are precious to God.

### **Life Skills**

We will be thinking about how we can look after our world. We will be finding out about recycling, ocean pollution, looking after bees and learning about endangered animals.

### **Dates for the Diary**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January – Fantastic Fred

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January – KS1 Disco

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Safari Day

More information to follow for all of these dates.

### **Important Reminders**

Please check that all items have your child's name on them – including water bottles. Please remember to put photos on Dojo of all the amazing things your children do at home. We love to see them.

### **PE Days**

PE is every Friday. Please make sure that your child is wearing their PE kit on this day and please check that ALL items are named. On colder days your child is welcome to wear black jogging bottoms or leggings and their school jumper.

### **Useful Websites**

Phonics Play - phonics games

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Hit the button - maths games

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

We are really looking forward to this term. Please contact us via the office or at the end of the day if you would like any additional information. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Hart and Mrs Bassett