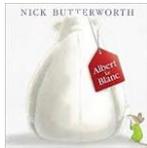


Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful break over Christmas. This is a very busy term with lots of exciting things happening. Be sure to take a look at our blog to see what the children have been learning! [www.willowsprimary.primaryblogger.co.uk](http://www.willowsprimary.primaryblogger.co.uk) in addition to the Class Story on Dojo.



### **English**

This term our focus story is "Albert Le Blanc" by Nick Butterworth.



We will continue to encourage the children to use cursive letters and to think about the size and position of their letters on the line. We will remind the children to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will also be exploring the use of 'and' to join information within a sentence.

### **Maths**

We are beginning with shape exploring both 3-D shape and 2-D shape. The children will become familiar with a variety of shapes such as a cone, sphere, cube, pyramid and cuboid. They will also recognize rectangles, circles, triangles and squares. These will also be used to continue and create repeating patterns.

We will then move onto numbers to 20 focusing on numbers in digits and words. We will explore teen numbers and begin to look at place value knowing what each digit in a number represents. The children will become confident counting both forwards and backwards to twenty.

2pm 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023-Maths workshop, we have some fantastic ideas to support Maths!

### **Our Explore, Dream, Discover Curriculum lessons**

This half term our wider curriculum work will be focused on Toys. We will be looking at the children's favourite toys. We will also be looking at toys from the past and how toys have changed over the years. This will lead us to look at the different materials that toys are made from and will lead on to our Science work on materials, and investigating which materials are best for different purposes. We can't wait to visit Sudbury and explore a wide variety of toys from the past and the present. Please see our dojo post regarding these arrangements. In RE we will be focusing on Judaism and what this means to others. In computing we will be using PC's and becoming more familiar with software.



### **P.E Kits**

Our P.E days this term are Monday and Wednesday. Children are still able to come into school dressed in their Willows P.E. kits on these days. Jogger's and hoodies will be required as the children will still be outdoors for break times.

### **Uniform**

Unfortunately, a few jumpers have gone missing last half term. Please can you make sure all uniform and P.E clothing is named as this prevents children taking home uniform which is not their own. Many thanks.

### **How can you help?**

- \* Supporting your child with their Maths homework and weekly spellings
- \* Supporting your child with daily reading. (Please ensure you have signed and dated the reading diary when you have heard your child read.)
- \* Please make sure all uniform is clearly labelled.

### **Snacks and Drinks**

Polite reminder: only one small healthy snack for playtime please. Fruit, squeezable yoghurt, raisins, vegetable sticks are all ideal. No crisps, pastries, sweets or chocolate. We also ask no nuts due to allergies. Fruit is available should snacks be forgotten and water is always available for the children to refill their own bottles. Please can we ask that these are clearly labelled to avoid mix up's. Refillable water bottles, clearly named-no juice thank you.

