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Willow Class Curriculum Letter - Autumn 1

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Dear Parents,

**Welcome back!** It has been lovely to have the children back in school today and listening to all of the exciting things they have been doing over the summer holidays. We hope that you found the Year Group Guide for Year Four useful but please do ask if you have any further questions. You can email the class mailbox at any time and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

### Flute

In year 4 the children are lucky enough to be receiving additional music lessons from an external music teacher. This year's instrument is the flute (each child will be provided with their own flute for this period). The lessons will be taking place every Tuesday on a whole class basis.

### PE

From next week (week commencing 13.09.21) PE for Willow class will be on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday** each week, please can children wear their PE kit into school. This week they will be required to wear their PE kit on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup>. Sorry for the confusion and changing of days, but this now is the best suited days for our time table due to external factors.

### History

This half term our history topic is titled **Through the Ages**. We will be focusing on the subject History. We will be focusing on prehistoric Britain looking at the; Stone Age, Bronze Age and the Iron Age. The topic knowledge organiser has been emailed out to you along with this letter.

### Design and technology

One lesson a week this half term will be focused on design and technology (with the topic title 'Story books'). Our aim is to bring stories to life with this fun and imaginative module as we create storybooks

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with moving mechanisms. The topic overview and knowledge organiser has been emailed out to you along with this letter.

### **Tapestry**

This year, we will be using in Year 4 so that we can we can give you an insight into the activities the children are completing in school. It will give you an opportunity to share any learning from home as well. In addition to an insight to your child's learning, we will also be using Tapestry as a platform to celebrate 'wow moments'. This is where we may take a picture of a child's work to celebrate their achievements. You will receive further information in the next few weeks.

### **Home learning**

In Year 4, children will receive a weekly spelling rule. Each week, children will be checked on this rule and given a list of spellings to learn that apply to this rule (this will be set on a Friday and checked the following Friday). As well as this, there will be some of our Year 4 words included in the word list as the expectation is that, the children know how to read and spell these words by the end of the year. Children can practice their spelling rule on RediWriter or using alternative methods. As well as this, children will be expected to read 20 minutes a day and will use Accelerated Reader to quiz on texts that they have read. For the first week or two of the term, children will be concentrating on spelling, reading and times table practise.

### **Updating information**

Please ensure that the office have any contact detail changes e.g. phone numbers or addresses. If your child needs an inhaler or other medication in school on a daily basis, please ensure that all medication has been brought into school as soon as possible and that it is clearly named and in date permission slips filled in (please ask me for one).

We are really looking forward to a busy and exciting half term and to getting to know the children and yourselves over the coming half term, please always email the class mailbox if you have any questions/queries and I will endeavour to reply as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your continued support,

*Miss Griffiths*      *Mrs Bradshaw*