

### Ways you can support your child at home....

- Regular times tables practice (try Diaper Derby <http://www.multiplication.com/games/play/diaper-derby>)
- Rapid recall of number bonds to 10/100/1000
- Practice cursive handwriting
- Learn weekly spelling
- Encourage your child to read daily (both aloud and silently)
- Complete homework independently where possible
- Take part in Athletics

### Key Dates - Term 1

- 21/9/17 Raising Resilient Children workshop
- 21/9/17 Meet Executive Headteacher and staff
- 22/9/17 Whole school cross country on the Croft
- 25/9/17 School Photographer—individual pupil photos
- 28/9/17 Ground Force Day
- 7/10/17 PTFA Comedy Night at Village Hall
- 14/10/17 Open Afternoon for prospective parents
- 18/10/17 Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church
- 20/10/17 Last day of Term 1
- 30/10/17 First day of Term 2

### Forest School

We are initiating a Forest School programme for all of the children at St Mary's School. The sessions are going to be delivered to each class on consecutive weeks, allowing them the full experience of different seasons, changes, growth in the environment etc. The classes will be having their sessions on Thursday afternoons. (see dates below) The sessions will be delivered by Mrs Sanders, with support from Miss Bews and volunteers each week at Sawpit Woods, Hodore Farm, Parrock Lane, Hartfield, TN7 4AR.

Willow Class—12/10/17, 16/11/17, 14/12/17, 25/1/18, 1/3/18, 29/3/18, 10/5/18, 14/6/18, 12/7/18

### Clubs

This term we have a full and varied club timetable. Clubs include sport's and team games, wildlife explorers, story tellers (KS2), drama and dance clubs.



# Welcome to Willow Class



## Autumn Term 1 and 2

### English

This term we will be using Adventure stories plus our class text which is Tilly and the Time Machine. We will use this to learn writing in different forms, grammar and punctuation skills. We will continue to study the words from the Year 3/4 spelling list, revise the Year 2 rules as well as learn spelling rules for Lower Key Stage 2.

We'll immerse ourselves in songs, role play and hot seating whilst learning how to write stories, diaries and letters as though characters from the past.

Reading will continue to be a focus with those children on book bands monitored and heard at least 3 times a week in school. Reading sessions will allow discuss and in-depth analysis of texts and our class book in differentiated groups.

### Science

We will be studying about Forces and Magnets as well as looking at Gears and link to our DT work on CAMS.

### French

We will be learning basic conversations—simple greetings, polite phrases and simple shopping and ordering items.

### Computing

We will focus on programming and use systems such as Scratch and Logo. Also learn about researching on the internet safely. Esafety will be addressed through out the year.

### Art/DT/Music

Design Technology by understanding gears and CAM mechanisms. Art and Design lessons will let allow us to create Roman shields in which we can use drama to enact battle formations adopted by the Roman armies. Mosaic art work will be created. Learning songs about the Romans.

### Maths

Place value is a key part of our initial weeks this term and knowledge about roman numerals to aid our addition and subtraction. Our Monster Maths challenges will embed our times table knowledge as well as the inverse division facts.

### RE and PSHE

In PSHE we will be looking at New Beginnings from the SEAL programme. Learning about What God was/is like and the Nativity story.

### PE

Mr Dolton will deliver Cross Country practice and running skills. Indoor team games will also be learnt.

### History / Geography

We will be exploring Roman army life, understanding why the Roman roads were so straight and where they led to and with the help of Google maps, even explore some famous roman cities. We will be looking at the world map and seeing where invasions occurred at the height of the Roman's power globally. This topic will continue into term 2 where we will look more closely at the life of the Roman citizens across the conquered world - all in all a fun, exciting and rampaging romp through history.

## Autumn 1 & 2 Rampaging Romans

An exciting time awaits us in Willow as we journey back in time and encounter the Rampaging Romans!

Teaching team, Rebecca Palmer and Anna Woods



### Values

Our values this term is Friendship.