

## Welcome

A very warm welcome to Cottingham!

We are so excited to be welcoming our lovely new class of children into our school. Although this has not been our usual start to the new school year we have been thrilled with the way that the children have settled in.

We have a beautiful, exciting environment that the children are already having fun exploring. They are beginning to get to know one another and we are finding out more about them.

Across the first few weeks we will begin to gather information about the way that your child learns. We will also begin to find out about the skills and knowledge that they already have and what really interests them. This will be sought through playing with the children and observing what they do.

If you have any worries or questions then please feel free to contact me via email [ndelo@cottinghamprimary.co.uk](mailto:ndelo@cottinghamprimary.co.uk)



## What to bring

Please ensure that your child has the following items in school every day:

Water bottle  
Book bag  
Wellies  
Coat  
Sun hat and sun cream on hot days

Please make sure that everything is named.



Class: Willow EYFS

Term: 1

## Reading

Your child will soon bring a reading book home to share with you. The first books do not contain any words and the key skill is for the child to observe and talk about what is happening, identify characters and story structure, anticipate what might happen and tell the story in their own words.

Please make a note of your child's reading progress in the record book provided. We encourage home reading daily.



## Quest: How does your garden grow?

The children will be learning about the growth of plants and trees. This will be supported through growing plants from seed, art work and developing role play in our garden centre.

## PE days

This term, PE for EYFS will take place on a Monday. Children will need to come to school in their PE kit on these days. We are trying to ensure that the majority of PE sessions will be taking place outside for the time being.



## Collective Worship

Collective worship will take place this year on a Tuesday and a Wednesday, with our celebration worship taking place on a Friday as always. We will also have class worship on a Monday and a Thursday. Due to restrictions that are in place this year, for the time being, we will not be able to gather together to take part in worship however we will be leading worship remotely, so that all classes can take part. Please click on the following document to see details of themes for this term. [http://www.cottinghamprimary.co.uk/Content/documents/ChristianValues/collective\\_worship\\_planner\\_aut\\_2020\\_21\\_.pdf](http://www.cottinghamprimary.co.uk/Content/documents/ChristianValues/collective_worship_planner_aut_2020_21_.pdf)

## Homework ideas

Please see below a range of ideas for you to support the children with their learning quest work at home:

- Help to do some weeding in the garden. What do you notice about the weeds?
- Visit a garden centre
- Use meal times to talk about which foods have grown in the ground or on trees?
- Plant some seeds. Help to take care of them so that they grow.
- Sketch and paint garden or wild flowers
- Press some flowers and create a collage
- Read some of these books:

The Flower(John Light),

A Seed in Need(Sam Godwin),

Bloom(Anne Booth), T

he Tiny Seed(Eric Carle)