

## Welcome Back



It is with great pleasure that I welcome the children back into the classroom for the start of the summer term. We hope that things continue to improve and that we can remain this way for the rest of the term. The children settled well last term, there were certainly areas that were a challenge for them, however we continue to build the children's confidence in these areas and will get back on track. We have seen the addition of our wonderful new play area in the garden along with a super new woodwork bench. The outdoor areas continue to improve and the children will be offered lots of outdoor learning opportunities. There will also be specialists from outside joining us to support our learning this term. Every Monday we will have music sessions with Mark the Music Man and also tennis on a Friday. This term we will be encouraging the children to take responsibility for some of their learning challenges and encouraging independence. We are all looking forward to a healthy and busy term ahead. If you would like contact me with any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch [ndelo@cottinghamprimary.co.uk](mailto:ndelo@cottinghamprimary.co.uk)

## Significant Person



This term we will be finding out about Christopher Columbus which will fit with our Quest topic 'The Seas Between Us'. Christopher Columbus was a sailor. His first voyage nearly ended in disaster as his ship was attacked and set on fire by pirates! Columbus only survived by swimming to land. He became famous as the explorer who found new lands called 'The Americas'. But actually, many people already lived there. Please support your child in find-

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## Warmer Weather

The warmer weather will soon be upon us and the children in Willow class will be spending more time in the outdoor provision. In order to protect them from the sun, please ensure that your child has a **clearly named** sun hat in school that they can keep in school. You may also send in **clearly named** sun cream for your child to apply however please note that staff will not be allowed to apply this for children, as per school. The children will be able to access their water bottles at any point throughout the school day and reg-



## Quest: The Seas Between Us

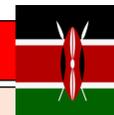
During this quest the Foundation children will have opportunities to find out, compare and explore two different environments. We will be looking at our local area and Kenya.

## PE

The PE days for Willow class will be **Mondays** and **Fridays**. These will be the days that the children will need to wear their PE kit to school. Mr Stafford will teach the children PE every Monday and we are very excited to welcome back our friends from Corby Tennis Centre to coach Willow class every Friday.



## Quest Homework ideas



Daily reading is an important part of your child's homework. If you can, please pop a note in your child's reading record to show that you have read together. Some of the children are now bringing a book home which is a pre-read for our phonics session for the week ahead. This gives them a good start ready to join in the session. Please see some ideas below to support the learning for our Quest theme:

- Spend some time looking at an Atlas. Perhaps see if you can find where we live? Ask a grown up to help you to find Kenya. How is it the same/different?
- Research the country of Kenya. What can you find out about what it might be like to live there?
- Look at African bead work and have a go at making your own jewellery.
- Find out about wild animals in Kenya and make a fact file about one.

## Collective Worship

Collective worship will continue to be class-based throughout this term. This is always a really valuable time at the end of a busy day which allows the children to pause, take a breath and reflect. Our focus this term will be our values of perseverance and endurance. Together we will be unpacking what this means to us as individuals and what the Bible says about it. Although due to covid restrictions we are still not permitted to sing together, each act of worship incorporates a hymn/some music for reflection plus the opportunity for children to share their 'rainbow' prayers.