

## Welcome Back

A very warm welcome to all of our new children and families. We are delighted to welcome you to Cottingham and look forward to you all joining the Cottingham family.

During this first term we will be focusing on getting to know the children, supporting them in building relationships and ensuring that they feel comfortable and happy in their new learning environment. We work across Ash and Willow Classrooms, using the whole environment for continuous provision. This means that as well as directed teaching, whole class and small groups, the children will have opportunities to learn through play and work independently. There will be set challenges to complete and these are carefully planned to meet the learning goals set out in our Early Years curriculum objectives. Adults will move around the environment, facilitating children's play, questioning and supporting their interests and next steps in learning.

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

**Class: Willow EYFS**

**Term: 1**

## Reading at Home

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

### Quest: What is Art?

In our learning quest this term, the children will be joining Year 1 and 2 to find out about different artists and different forms of art. We will have lots of learning how to draw and printing with different objects and materials. There will be an exciting visit to an art gallery and the learning destination will include the children presenting their own work in our very own pop up art gallery.

## PE days

This term, PE for EYFS will take place on a Monday and a Friday. Children will need to come to school in their PE kit on these days. Please ensure that a red hoodie is worn for colder months as PE sessions may take place outdoors.

## Collective Worship

Collective worship will take place this year on a Monday and a Wednesday, with our celebration worship taking place on a Friday as always. We will also have class worship on a Tuesday and a Thursday. During this time the children will have time to gather together, we are very excited that we can now join in the hall as a whole school. The children will learn about the Christian values, enjoy songs of worship, pray and have time to reflect. Celebration worships take place every Friday, where some children will be awarded with certificates. Parents will be invited to see their children receive certificates.

## Homework ideas

- Why not practice your drawing skills at home.
- Draw your family.
- Draw your favourite animal.
- Draw a picture of yourself.
- Find something different to draw with or something different to draw on.
- Print with vegetables.
- Print with Lego.
- Print with something else entirely!
- Find out about different artists by looking at Tate Kids.

<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids>

