

Cottingham CofE Primary School

Happy New Year!

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to all of our families. I hope that you were all able to enjoy some special family time. I'm sure the children will have lots to tell as we join back together again. I am really excited to be entering a new year and a new term with Willow class, they have already made some super progress. I especially love Spring term because the children come back feeling confident, they now know school routines well and already have a good starting point.

Our new learning quest promises to be an exciting one as we learn about toys, which of course we all love!

Please do begin to talk about your own favourite toys to the children, find pictures of these toys online or show them the real thing if you still treasure it. How similar or different are they to toys that are played with today?

The children have been coming in so well in the morning so please do keep encouraging this independence and confidence.

I very much look forward to welcoming everyone back.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at ndelo@cottinghamprimary.co.uk



Significant person

This term we will be learning about Charles Dickens. Charles Dickens was a famous English writer. He wrote many books, including Oliver Twist and Scrooge.



When Dickens was a child his family were very poor.

When he became famous, only rich people could afford to buy books. Dickens published his stories in sections in (cheaper) magazines so poorer people could read them.

Class: Willow

Term: 3



Homework

Maths homework for the children will be set via MyMaths every Friday for Year 1 children only, to be completed by the following Friday. The work is matched as closely as possible to consolidate what has been taught in class that week and it is important that children complete this. Please do read with your child every day as daily reading has such an impact on both reading and writing.



Quest: Toy Story

How have toys changed over time?

This History based quest promises to be very exciting. The children will be able to talk about their favourite toys and compare them with those played with by family members in the past. How have they changed and more importantly, why? We hope that children will learn lots about changes in national life.

PE days

This term, PE for Willow class will continue to take place on a Monday and Friday. Children will need to come to school in their PE kit on these days. PE may take place outdoors, therefore we advise that children wear a red hoodie for warmth.

Please ensure that **ALL** clothing is clearly named as this will encourage the children to take responsibility for the significant amount of clothing that is lost/misplaced every day.



Collective Worship

This term we will be exploring the value of **honesty and self-esteem** through our collective worship.

Revered Amanda will be leading us in our worship every every fortnight. Celebration worships take place every Friday, where some children will be awarded with certificates. At the time of writing, parents of the award winners **only** are welcome to join us in school at 2.45pm every Friday however, this is subject to change with the ever-changing trust and government guidelines. We will aim to communicate any changes to you.

Homework ideas

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

- ◆ Find out about the toys that your parents and grandparents played with when they were the same age as you. Can you find some pictures of what the toys looked like? How are they the same/different to the toys you play with?
- ◆ Sort your toys into groups. You can decide how you sort them, e.g. new and old or wheels and no wheels or which material they are made from.

Book recommendation of the term

If you are looking for a good book to read with your child then Willow class can highly recommend 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt. This book brings the crayons alive as they each write a letter to Duncan. The book is very humorous and has us all in fits of giggles. It is a firm favourite and often wins the story vote.

