

# WILLOW CLASS SUMMER 2 NEWSLETTER

With the weather as changeable as ever, please send your child with a full water bottle and sun hat and waterproof coat every day. We ask that you apply an all day sun cream before school.

P.E days will be Tuesdays and Fridays. Please continue to provide children in Reception with a P.E bag containing jogging bottoms or shorts, a white t-shirt and trainers or plimsolls. Nursery children should come dressed in comfortable clothing they can move freely in.

Our supply of spare clothing is currently running low. Please ensure that your child has at least one complete set of spare clothes in their bag each day, and additional changes of clothing if they are currently toilet training.

If your child has borrowed any spare clothing from nursery, we would appreciate if it could be washed and returned as soon as possible.

If you have any outgrown children's clothes in good condition that you no longer need, we would be very grateful for any donations to help replenish our spare clothing supplies.

## OUR LEARNING

This term our topic is 'Whispers of the Sea'. We will be exploring our local area and making comparisons with locations around the world, including discovering what life is like in the Kenyan countryside and in busy cities. In Science, the children will take on the role of scientists, developing key skills as they carry out hands-on experiments, investigating forces and exploring the changes that happen when things freeze and melt. In Art, we will be strengthening fine motor control while experimenting creatively with different ways to join materials, design, and create exciting collages.

In literacy, we will be enjoying the stories *Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain* and *The Night Pirates*. Inspired by *Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain*, the children will learn about Kenya and its amazing natural wonders before creating informative leaflets. *The Night Pirates* will spark our imaginations as we write instructions explaining how to become a pirate. In Phonics, Reception children have now completed all Reception sounds and tricky words and will be focusing on reading more complex words, while securing their recognition and spelling of tricky words.

Nursery children will continue to develop confidence in hearing initial sounds and beginning to link these with the graphemes (letters) that represent them. Children who will be moving into Reception in September have begun practising writing their names, with a focus on correct letter formation. You can support your child at home by helping them to recognise their name and identify the sounds within it. If they are keen to practise writing their name, please encourage them to use a capital letter only at the beginning, followed by lowercase letters. To support this learning, we will be providing letter formation packs to take home at the Parents' Information Meeting on 18th June at 2:30pm.

In Maths, the children will be consolidate their counting skills, counting to larger numbers and developing a wider range of counting strategies. They will secure knowledge of number facts including number bonds to 10 and doubles through varied practice.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18<sup>th</sup> June 14:30

19<sup>th</sup> June Fathers/special persons' picnic 12:00 - 13:00

26<sup>th</sup> June Nursery and Reception Sharing Assembly 14:30

3rd July Sports Day 13:30

