

Term 3
Willow Class Newsletter
January 2018



Welcome back to Willow for Term 3!
Happy New Year to you all and I hope you are looking forward to what we have in store for 2018 as much as I am. We've got a very exciting term: what a way to kick off the new year.

Tipis, Tomahawks and Totem Poles

Our topic for this term is Native American Indians and we have started learning about where they lived. We will be learning all about their lives and beliefs this term before moving on to learn about the landscape which they called home next term.



I am planning another after-school activity (similar to the film and bat evening) related to Native American Indians, so keep your eyes peeled for more information.

Home Learning

With a few exceptions, the standard of reading and times tables learning at home has not been as high as I was hoping. I will be sending home more structured work for home learning this term, including spellings to learn.

Please make sure your child is putting aside time to learn spellings, times tables and to read.

Water Bottles

Very few children have a named water bottle in school. It is important that we are drinking enough and the class are allowed to help themselves to water during a lesson if they have a water bottle. Please bring in water bottles every day to help stop the spread of germs.

Important Dates

Thursday 8th February—Welly walk (13:30)
Friday 9th February—Last day of term

Our class this term

We are continuing to link our literacy to our topic this term and are starting a short topic on animal creation myths, with our finished piece being written as a Native American myth.

We have made sure we are all aware of our targets too, so please ask your child what their current target at school is and what they need to do to 'hit the gold' on our board.

PE

PE will be every Thursday afternoon this term. Please ensure PE kits are in school at all times but particularly on a Thursday.

We are doing Gymnastics this term and the focus is trying to improve our strength.

Afternoon Blocks

This term we are using something Mr Tibbles has recommended from his other school. We are blocking the afternoons. Instead of trying to squeeze in an afternoon of each subject each week, we are setting aside entire weeks where we only teach one subject in the afternoon.

Week 1—History

Week 2—History

Week 3—D.T.

Week 4—Science

Week 5—R.E. + French