

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back and I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas period, with lots of opportunities to create long-lasting memories. The children had a fantastic Autumn 2 and I look forward to what the new year brings for them.

Our topic for Spring 1 will be Geography led as we compare our local area to Costa Brava in Spain. We will begin our topic immersing ourselves in Spanish culture with an afternoon learning about their food and language before identifying Spain and its surrounding countries on a map. We will identify human and physical features in both West Tytherley and Costa Brava before comparing land use, economy and climate.

PE lessons will continue on a Tuesday afternoon with PBED, where children will develop and apply their jumping and landing and seated balance through focused skill development sessions, healthy competition, cooperative games and group Personal Best challenges. We are also delighted to welcome back Intergr8 dance on a Monday for the children to learn street dance. It is advisable to have PE kit in school at all times so that we can be flexible when we need to. A reminder also that long hair should be tied back in school and no jewellery (including smart watches) should be worn so please ensure your child is able to remove or secure any jewellery they may be wearing.

Below details the expectations for homework as a reminder for what is set in Year 3/4. As with the previous academic year, we will be running a homework raffle as an incentive. Please continue to encourage children to complete these tasks as they really help reinforce the learning happening in the classroom. Children are expected to record in their reading records when they have read at home.

Homework in Willow class		
What?	When?	Expected or additional?
Reading	x5 a week with an adult signing the reading record For 1 raffle ticket	Expected
Spellings	10 spellings given on a Friday to be tested on the following Friday. 1 raffle ticket for 8/10 or more scored	Expected
Times Tables Rock Stars	30 minutes total a week For 1 raffle ticket	Expected
CGP Maths and Spellings book. X1 workout a week per book	Set on a Friday to be handed in the following Thursday for marking	Additional

Log in details for TTRS and SORA are in the front of reading records. If you need these again, please let me know.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do catch me after school or arrange an appointment with the office. I hope the children the term and I hope you will enjoy hearing about what we have been getting up to in class.

Kind regards,

Miss Lee