

## Welcome to Willow Class 2011/2012

### Reading

Your child will have one Guided reading session a week, as well as opportunities for independent reading and reading based activities. We will continue to monitor their reading at home and communicate with you about their reading at school, in your child's yellow reading record book. Please ensure this is in school every day.

We would encourage you to listen to your child read at home and talk about the books together. It is important that as well as being able to read the story they show a good understanding of what has been read. All reading should be recorded in the yellow book by you and/or your child as they become more independent in their reading. Your child will usually have one or two books in their book bag, a class reading book (of your child's ability), and another book of their choice to share with you. We monitor and change books when necessary, and encourage the children to take responsibility for letting us know if their book needs changing, so having book bags everyday as part of the routine helps us to keep a good reading communication with you.

### Homework

As well as reading at home, children in Willow Class receive Spelling and Numeracy homework every week. These will be handed out together on Fridays in your child's homework folder, and the folder will need to be handed in again by the following Wednesday.

#### Spelling

We use a scheme where your child is given a list of words based on a spelling pattern. This will be taught in school, but needs to be practised at home using the worksheets. Your child will be tested on Wednesday each week through a dictation, where they write for word a short spoken text. This allows them to use the word in context and they will only be marked on their spellings words for that week, although words from previous weeks spellings may be in the text. The dictation will be marked and their score recorded in their yellow book, with any words they got wrong. There are a number of ways your child can practise spellings as well as the worksheets, these ideas are on the Dundry Primary School Website or you can collect a leaflet from the library.

#### Numeracy

Your child will be given a Number Bond or Times Table practice sheet. Please could you encourage your child to complete the sheet. Each Friday there will be a test and the marked test sent home in their homework folder.

### Topic work

Extra homework maybe given related to the class work or topic. These are generally more practical tasks and will help extend their learning or prepare them for the next lesson.

### P.E

P.E happens twice a week, so your child needs to ensure they have correct kit on Wednesday and Thursday. In cold weather, when we are outside, tracksuit trousers and a jumper will be needed. Please name all your child's clothes.

Thank you for your support

Miss Colby, Mrs Warren, Ms Jane Booth and Mrs Belinda Densley

## Willow Class Timetable 2011/2012

Monday	Bring book bag
Tuesday	Bring book bag
Wednesday	Bring book bag P.E Kit Spelling Test Hand in Homework folder
Thursday	Bring book bag P.E kit
Friday	Bring book bag Number bond/ Times table test New Homework handed out