



# West Wittering Parochial Church of England School

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Dear Year 1 Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year I hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday!

## All about me

Our first learning journey is 'All about me' you should all have received the learning journey overview which tells you what we will be covering in the next few weeks. If you have not seen one, a copy is on the classroom door. For this learning journey please could you send in a photograph of your child as a baby by the **15<sup>th</sup> September** as we will be talking about how they have changed since then and I'm sure they would love to share them with the teacher's and class! If you would like to look ahead to what we will be learning throughout the year there is a long term plan for Willow class which can be found on the school website.

## Wow slips

We use Wow slips in Willow class, which the children love! A Wow slip is for you to write down anything that you have seen your child do at home that made you think Wow I haven't seen them do that before. I will then read them out in front of the class so that we can all celebrate the achievement. It may be that your child rode a bike without stabilisers, laid the table for dinner or made a model independently, it can be anything! This will not only be something nice for your child to share it will also help to form evidence in their Learning Journeys. I have attached a couple to this newsletter to get you started I will also put out a basket of Wow slips each Friday for you to help yourself to.

## Parent weekly

I know that as a parent it can be frustrating when you ask your child "What did you do today?" and they reply with "nothing". Firstly I can assure you that this is never true! However to help with these conversations I will be emailing you a parent weekly every Monday which will briefly tell you what we will be learning that week in all seven areas. This is of course flexible so sometimes we may cover more and other times we may cover something the following week instead. This is a good tool to use if you wish to follow up on anything we have been learning about in school at home. We also have a 'Friday board' every Friday where

I will write a brief note about the week and try to include photographs as well this can be found at the end of the day outside the Willow classroom.

### **Outdoor clothing**

If possible please can your child have a pair of wellies and a rain coat in school every day. All children must be given the opportunity to go outside every day and this is challenging when the child does not have suitable clothing.

### **Junk Modelling**

We have set up a junk modelling area in the classroom to support the children's learning within 'Expressive arts and Design'. If you have any recycling such as boxes and tubes please could you bring them in for the children to use. As you can imagine the children go through quite a lot during the week and I apologise in advance if most of it comes back home!

### **Ron**

You may have heard about our new visitor Ron. He is a teddy bear which arrived in Willow class and he wants to go on some exciting adventures! Every weekend Ron will get to go home with a different child. The child will be picked at random and we will continue until every child has had the chance to take Ron home. Please could you help your child to remember to bring Ron back to school on Monday so that everyone gets the chance to have him.

### **Bring your parents in**

On **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October from 2.30-3.15pm** we would like to invite you to come and enjoy school with your child. We will have an activity for you to do and then we will have story time together before home time. If you cannot make it then perhaps another family member would like to join us. I appreciate timings are tricky but unfortunately these activities need to be held during the school day. I hope that by giving you plenty of notice it may help.

The new Reception children will be coming in from 8.30am to settle in and I will collect the Year 1 children at 8.40am from the playground as normal. As always if you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to come and talk to me the door is always open!

I am looking forward to another great year and settling the children in to Year 1.

Mrs Faye Smith

**Wow slip**

Name:

Date:

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Name:

Date:

