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Dear Parents and Carers of Willow class,

We would like to welcome our Year 4 children and parents to our wonderful class 'Willow'. We appreciate how challenging the last few months have been for everyone, but all of the children have accessed a range of learning and experiences that meet their individual needs because of you. When all of this is over, we are sure they will look back fondly on their extended time at home spending quality time with you all, but also remember how great it was to be back at school with their teachers and friends.

Over the coming months we will be recapping on the fundamentals across all subject areas while discretely ascertaining any gaps and next steps. This will happen alongside the topics for the current year.

Our topic this half term is:

### The Romans.



Subject	Focus
English	Myths, Escape from Pompeii and newspaper reports.
Mathematics	Number and place value, geometry, multiplication and division.
Science	States of matter.
R.E.	What do Hindus believe God is like.
Art	Landscapes.
D.T.	Roman mosaics.
History	Romans.
Geography	Volcanoes.
I.C.T.	Coding and online safety.
P.E.	Hockey.

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## Communication books

The children will bring home their communication books in the coming weeks. Please ensure your child brings their communication book into school every day. Due to restrictions in place at the moment, this will be a really important way of passing messages to and from school. On page 6 in the communication book you will find passwords for Google classroom and Purple Mash. More information on using Google classroom will follow after half term.

### Reading – A message from Mrs. Harvey (Deputy Headteacher)

As a school, one of our focuses for this year is reading. Reading is an extremely important skill that impacts on all areas of learning. We want every child to develop 'a love of reading'. Staff are currently hearing the children read to ensure they are reading books at the appropriate level for their fluency and comprehension.

We ask that the children read for 10 minutes at least 3 times a week. We would like parents to talk to the children about what they have read and sign the communication book. Reading logs are found in the communication book from p.11 onwards. Reading books will be changed on a Monday. The children will receive a certificate in the final celebration assembly of each half term for reading regularly for six weeks. Reading at home can include anything that interests your child. This could include magazines, newspapers or a book that they have read even if it isn't their school book.

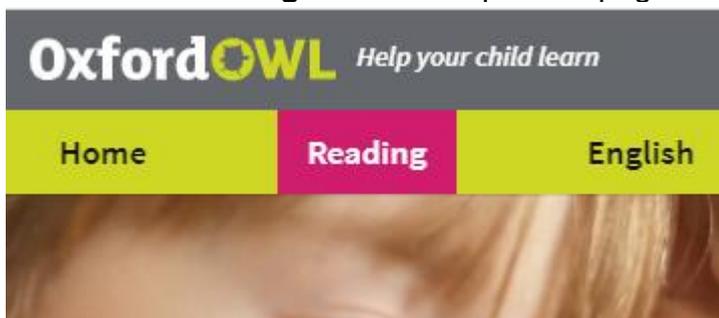
Please note that due to current guidance, returned books will be quarantined for 72 hours before being put back out in our reading baskets.

A resource we would highly recommend for you to access at home are e-books on **[www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)**. They have some brilliant e-books which you can share for free!!! As a parent, you need to register on the website to get access to the books.

Once you have registered, please follow these instructions to find e-books for your child to read:

#### **Step 1:**

Click on the **reading tab** at the top of the page.



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### Step 2:

Click on the dropdown menu for **e-book library**.

**Browse the eBook library**

### Step 3:

Click on the **levels option** and choose '**Book Band \_\_\_\_\_**' (this is the same book band colour as your child is reading at school). The reading books provide an opportunity for your child to consolidate his/her learning and develop his/her fluency.

The screenshot shows the Oxford Owl website's eBook library. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Reading', 'English', 'Maths', 'At school', 'Books', 'Kids' activities', and 'Blog'. Below this is a search bar with a 'GO' button. The main heading is 'FREE eBook Library from Oxford Owl'. A welcome message states: 'Welcome to our free eBooks collection, developed for children aged 3-11 years old. If you'd like to learn more about how to support your child's reading, visit our [Reading](#) pages.' A 'Please note' section explains that during school closures, the library was expanded to over 100 eBooks, but it will revert to its normal size after September 2020. Below this, there are three links: '+ Learning to read with phonics? Click the '+' for advice.', '+ Not reading to practise phonics?', and '+ Are you a teacher? Find out about the Oxford Owl for School eBook library.' The 'Browse the library' section features filters for 'All Ages', 'Levels', 'Book type', and 'Series'. At the bottom, a row of book covers is displayed on a shelf, including 'Where Wilbur Stay at Home?', 'EVERYBODY WORRIES', 'Dad's Birthday', 'The Trunk and the Skunk', 'Dolphin Rescue', and 'The Frog Prince'.

There are lots of books there that we hope your child will enjoy. This is a new online resource which we are also using in school.

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### **Reading in unusual places**

A display is being created in school with the title 'Reading in unusual places' and we would like parents to email a photograph of their child reading to [info@pinvinfed.co.uk](mailto:info@pinvinfed.co.uk) by **19.10.20**. Every child that sends in a photograph will receive a prize!! The more unusual the better!!

### **Homework**

The children will have weekly spellings to learn which will include words that contain the different sounds or spelling patterns that have been learnt that week. The children will bring the words home to learn in their spelling books and will be given a spelling quiz on a Wednesday as this gives you some time either side of the weekend to practise them.

Times tables practice is essential for children in Year 4 as they will have to sit an online Multiplication tables check in June 2021. Therefore they will be given either an online or paper exercise to practice a particular table or improve their accuracy.

### **Equipment for School**

Please continue to provide your child with a **named** water bottle every day, as water is essential to keep your child's brain 'switched on'. Please ensure your child's P.E. kit is in school and that it is named. Earrings need to be removed on P.E. days for your child's safety. Your child's PE day is on a Wednesday.

Year 4 children can also bring their own fruit or healthy snack to school which they can take out at break time. A school snack will still be available to those children who do not bring a healthy snack from home.

### **Password system**

For safeguarding reasons we are introducing a password system regarding the collection of children. If anyone other than a child's parent or carer picks them up, the adult will need to give the password you have chosen when picking up your child. Please let your child's class teacher know and they will record it.

As you may be aware Mrs Barker is also teaching Year 4 and will teach the class on a Tuesday.

I am really looking forward to teaching your child this year and if you have any queries or concerns then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

Miss Newman

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