Willow Class
Term 2 Newsletter
How has our local area been impacted by change?

Dear Willow families,

Thank you all for a great start to this academic year. Everyone really enjoyed learning about inventions and inventors, old and new, and doing lots of practical work too! This term we will be exploring the local area, looking at the changes that have happened over time and what impact they have had. We will be using multiple texts including the 'Just So Stories' by Rubyard Kipling and 'Song of the Dolphin Boy' by Elizabeth Laird to deepen our learning in English. It is also the term of Christmas (dare we say it!) so we will have lots of Christmas themed learning, and fun, towards the end of term!

Homework

Reading	Please read with your child at least three times a week at home and ensure that you record this on Boom reader. A member of staff will be checking reading diaries on a Friday.
Maths	Maths homework will be set on a Monday and will be expected to have been completed by the following Monday. The focus this year will be on times tables. They should practice their times table frequently. Everyone will have a Timetable Rockstars log in that they can use at home as well as in school.
LEXIA	Instead of English or grammar homework being set the children will need to be doing LEXIA at home. This will also be due on a Monday, there will not be specific tasks set instead an amout of time we need children actively using the program. We have seen the massive impact LEXIA has had on the children not only in reading but also in writing.

Questions you could ask your child about their learning this term:
- What is there in our local area that is important?
- What changes have happened in local area over time?
- Can you find our local area and important sites on a map?
- Can you create a map of our local area?

Key Topic Vocabulary	Useful Websites:
Local area town village county school compass map locate route ariel view train station library	Google.co.uk/maps http://www.easthoathlypreservation.org.uk/ https://www.visitengland.com/things-to-do/east-sussex https://sussexpast.co.uk/historic-sites/

Reminders – Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water; ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat for any wet weather. **Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday** on these days, the children should come dressed in their PE kit to school.

Many thanks for your support,

Miss Boswell and the Willow team

Term 1 learning map

Literacy	Poetry / narrative		
Maths	Measurement	Multiplication and division	Addition and subtraction
Science	Living things and their habitats		
Art and DT	Drawing and printing, exploring patterns		
History / Geography	How has our local area been impacted by change? How would you describe the Geography of the UK?		
PSHE	Celebrating Difference		
Computing	Email		
RE	Understanding Christianity		
French	Les formes		
Music	Jungle book/ Christmas songs		
PE	Gymnastic		

Term 2 spellings in weekly order	'-ed' added to words ending in 'y'	Wrods with the prefix 're-'	Words ending in '-ation'	'er 'est' added to words ending in 'y'	Words with the prefix 'dis-'	Words ending in '-ation' (2)	Words with the prefix 'mis-'