

### Diary dates:

5<sup>th</sup> January- Willow class environment day.

9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> February- enrichment week

10<sup>th</sup> February- parent consultations

13<sup>th</sup> February- school disco

## Routes 2 Roots



Some ideas to help prepare and engage your child at home for our learning this half term

### Topic Project – Geography focus

This half term, we will begin our geography unit by looking at the geography of our school. We will begin by identifying the UK on a map of the world and locating our local area within the UK. We will then define and explore the human and physical geography of the UK and our local area.

Throughout the unit, we will complete fieldwork exploring the use of maps, observation skills and recording data to answer a question.

We will explore a range of resources to find information out, such as maps, globes, aerial images, google maps and Digimaps.

Finally, we will choose another school to study and make geographical comparisons, and from this, conclude which school we prefer and what is special about our school.

After half term, we will change our unit and look at the geography beyond the UK when we do a unit in pirates!

## English

This half term, we will be working towards writing our own simple narratives, using the book 'Window' by Jeannie Baker as a stimulus. 'Window' is a wordless story which shows the view out of the same window for 24 years. It focusses on how the world changes and the impact of human action on the environment.

We will focus on how we can retell the narrative of a wordless book with words, and think about the thoughts and feelings of those affected by the changes in the book.

### Spring 1

#### Willow Class

### Useful vocabulary to understand and use:

**Tens, ones, addition, subtraction.**

**Human, physical, north, east, south, west**

**Noun, verb, adjective, noun phrase, narrative**

### PE and Forest School Kit

This half term children should come to school dressed in suitable PE kit on each Monday, and Forest School kit on each Wednesday.

### PSHE

This half term, our My Happy Mind Module is **Appreciate** where we will learn about gratitude and how giving and receiving gratitude affects our brain.

## Maths

This half term, we are looking at building confidence with our sense of number to 20- and beyond for those more confident- through building an understanding of place value. We will look at counting to 20 and understanding the teen numbers. We will then move onto finding one more and one less within 20, and using a number line to help with this. Estimation and comparison are also key elements of developing number understanding within 20, and we will look at this towards the end of the place value unit.

After this, we will develop our understanding of addition and subtraction to include the numbers from 10 to 20. We will use our knowledge of number bonds, doubles and number sentences to help with this.