



We hope you have all had a great Easter break and managed to enjoy some special family time. The children have settled quickly and adapted well to the changes in routine within the classroom. The children are now working in two smaller groups which will rotate on a weekly basis, they will all access the same learning but will be working in groups of 6 or 7 as opposed to a full class of 13 which we hope will make for a calmer and more settled learning environment for everyone.

Our theme this half term is **EMERGENCY!** Meaning we will be learning about all the emergency services and how they help us.

In **Literacy**, we will be focussing on Non-fiction texts. We will be looking at the features of these such as labels, titles, contents and index pages, photos and captions. We will also consider how they are different from Fiction texts, we will be looking at the factual information that is contained in them linked to our Emergency theme.

In **Maths shape space and measure**, we are going to be looking at size and its vocabulary, big, medium and small, bigger, smaller, biggest and smallest. We will be ordering items based on their size and length and comparing objects to find things that are bigger or smaller and longer and shorter and how items can be measured using non standard units such as hands or cubes. In **Maths number**, we will be looking at sharing quantities and its vocabulary, fair, unfair, equally and unequally to share a total of objects between two and three people but still knowing the total of objects. We consider odd and even numbers and double facts.

As a part of the **EMERGENCY** topic we will be looking at materials that can be used to make emergency services equipment such as a Firefighters helmet, which materials are suitable and which are not.

In **PE**. We will be looking at Games, and developing our throwing and catching skills, looking at relay races and using bats and balls in tennis and cricket.





Willow Class Reminders-

We will continue to have **PE on Wednesday mornings**, so please send your child's PE kit on a Wednesday for them to change into. Getting changed for PE is an important part of the children's development. Please encourage your child to change independently at home whenever possible.



We also have **Forest School on Thursday mornings**. Please can your child come to school dressed in jogging bottoms and a long-sleeved top. Also, if you can, send wellies and waterproofs on this day if these are not left in school already. As the weather has been so wet, waterproof trousers would be useful too.



We **read** with the whole class on a **Wednesday afternoon**. Please ensure your child's reading book is in their bag on this day. We would appreciate it if the books are kept in the children's bags everyday so we can take advantage of any additional reading time when possible.



Please help us to ensure that the children are happy and healthy by sending in a water bottle every day and if you're child has a packed lunch, it should be as healthy as possible.



We are looking forward to a fun half term, full of learning and excitement.



Please contact me, via the office, if you have any questions or queries

Many thanks,
Nicky Edginton

