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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new term in Willow Class.

Below I have outlined what we expect to cover this term, and some useful additional information. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Our theme for this term is 'V.I.P's' where we will be learning about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. So far the children have completed some great work on Rosa Parks who played a pivotal role in the American civil rights movement. The next part of the topic will give children an opportunity to compare the role of Rosa Parks to that of another important female – Emily Davison. Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus are among the other V.I.P's the children will learn about!

In **English** children will be writing in various genres. Children have written an interview with Rosa Parks and used their knowledge about her to write from various viewpoints.

Every Wednesday will be a comprehension day in which children will complete comprehensions, learning and developing different reading skills. Daily Phonics and handwriting sessions will continue. Your child will be read with twice a week, once in a 1:1 setting and once in a guided reading session. Please continue to read regularly with your child at home.

In **History** lessons children will explore and consider how the actions of these historical figures have impacted upon the course of history, comparing the similarities and differences in society as a result.

In **Geography** children will be learning the names and locations of the world's 7 continents and 5 oceans. They will then also use maps, atlases and globes to explore the voyage Christopher Columbus made. Children will also practise using geographical language to plan and describe their own journeys.

In **Maths** we will be continuing to work from the Inspire Maths programme. **Year 1** have begun the term by learning how to represent numbers in tens and ones and how to count larger numbers by grouping ten first. They will be given plenty of opportunities to use their knowledge of number bonds to solve simple problems. The next unit is all about length where children will be comparing various lengths and practise using mathematical language to explain their reasoning. **Year 2** are working hard on improving their maths skills for the upcoming SAT'S, starting off with fractions and money in the first part of this half term. Following on from the unit on length, children will be learning how to read scales in grams and kilogram

s. They will be estimating and comparing the weight of objects and use mathematical language to explain their reasoning.

In **Science**, we will be continuing our unit on Plants and growth where children will be working in groups to explore the parts of plants, seeds and bulbs. After half term the whole school will be involved in **Science week** in which children will have various opportunities to explore, investigate and record information based around different topics.

In **R.E** our topic is 'Special ways of living'. Children started this topic by describing their own personal experiences of special times in their lives and times in which they have cared for others. They will then link these experiences to the story of 'The good samaritan' and discuss what this story teaches Christians about living a good life. Children will then find out about the varied role of Vicars in the church and wider community.

Children will be using their **computing** skills to record interviews with our V.I.P's!

P.E lessons will take place on Thursdays. The whole class will be swimming in the morning and take part in a dance lesson in the afternoon. So expect some tired children on Thursdays! Please bring a full PE kit to school with your child's name written inside.

Homework will be given out each **Friday** to be handed in on the **following Wednesday**. Each child will receive **English and Maths homework** that will be focused on what they have been learning that week in addition to their spellings.

Thanks for your ongoing support,

Miss Palmer

Willow Class Teacher