



Aycliffe Village Primary School
Great oaks from tiny acorns grow



Willow Class (Reception) Newsletter
Autumn Term 2018

We hope you and your child have enjoyed your first couple of weeks at our school!

- **Tapestry** – We hope you have all received your activation email by Friday 14th September. This email allows you to set your own log in password. If you have not received this email, please contact us as soon as possible. We hope you enjoy sharing your child's learning journey with us via information we (school and home) both put on Tapestry.
- **Outdoor learning** – We will be outside in all weathers so please can your child bring a coat to school every day, and hats and gloves (named) as the weather turns colder. Children have access to waterproof trousers and we do have some spare wellies in school. However it would also be helpful if your child has a pair of wellies that can be left in school (clearly marked with their name please)
- **PE** – PE lessons will usually take place on Tuesdays this term. However this can change, depending on school events, so please make sure your child has a PE kit in school at all times. These will be sent home every half term for you to check and wash. PE kits consist of a white Tshirt, navy or black shorts and black PE shoes (all clearly labelled with names please)
- **Library books** – From Wednesday 18th September your child will have the opportunity to take home a library book from school. Please look at the book together and enjoy spending time looking at the pictures, talking about the story and having fun with the books. We would love for you to share this learning on Tapestry. The book should be returned the following Wednesday when they can select a new one.
- **Reading** – As the children settle in we will be introducing letters and sounds (meeting for Parents/Carers on 24th September) and eventually reading books. Once children have begun learning a sound they will bring a Phonics Book home with the sound they have learnt in, the action that goes with the sound and the rhyme for the formation of the letter. Please practise these sounds a little each night as this will help them with their reading skills. The Phonics Books need to be in their bag each day so we can add new sounds as we teach them. Lots of children are enjoying spending time in the reading area. We will be sending reading books home when we feel your child is ready for them. Please remember, that we don't expect all children to develop at the same rate; each child is on their own journey.
- **Show and Tell** – Show and Tell will be on a Wednesday. We would like your child, over the course of the term, to bring something of interest to them into school, or shared on Tapestry. They should be able to talk about it for a little while and answer a question. This activity develops their speaking and listening skills. Items might include; photos, favourite toy, postcard, leaflet, favourite book. Children will bring their items into school at the start of the day. Please make sure your child can carry them independently as well as their book bag.
- **Water bottles** – Your child can bring a named bottle into school each day with water in. We encourage children to drink water throughout the day, however if your child does not have a water bottle they still have access to water.

If you have any queries regarding school, no matter how small, please ask us or email the school office on aycliffevillage@durhamlearning.net

We look forward to working with you and your child on their learning journey over the next year!
Best wishes from the EYFS team.