



WILLOW CLASS

Spring Newsletter 2018

Year 5/6

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. Welcome to the Spring Terms.

Our topic focus for both terms will be science. We will begin by looking at light and becoming investigators conducting our own light experiments. After the Spring holiday, we'll become Polar Explorers investigating a range of themes including engineering, climate change and life in cold climates.

In art work, we'll be looking at some of the important art movements and the main artists involved with these. In RE, the children will be focusing on The Christian Faith - Incarnation and Salvation.

Our PE days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays this term. We will be improving our skills in Hockey and Gym. Please could children have shin pads and a mouth guard so we can play competitive games.

In our English work, we'll be looking at non-chronological reports and explanation texts to accompany our science work. Our focus on grammar continues - especially for Year 6 who need to remember lots of lovely terminology.

In maths, we'll be busy working on measures, ratio and proportion and shape work. Please remember to encourage children to use Times Table Rock Stars at home. We had lots of children from Willow achieve their next Multiplication Award before Christmas and I'd like this to continue into the Spring Term. This program is a great way to improve speed which has a direct impact on attainment across all areas of the maths curriculum.

Our blog will continue to be written by the children. Do remember to follow us!

Year Six Booster Class

Every year at this time we run a pre-SATs booster club for Year 6. The idea is that we can concentrate on how to answer SATs style questions and improve our confidence and knowledge without taking too much curriculum time. The children all have a drink and biscuit before we start and there is a relaxed atmosphere. Adults helping this year will be myself, Mrs Brewis, Mrs Wright and Mrs Johanson. This allows us to give the children lots of help and encouragement. We would like every Year 6 to attend. This Year the Booster club will be on Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.30pm, beginning on the 16th January and running up to SATs week.

Dates for your Diaries

Willow Class assembly
26th January 2018

Parents' Evenings - 20th and 22nd
March

SATs week 14th - 18th May

Homework Information.

Maths Homework is given out on Monday to be handed in on Friday.

English Homework is given out on Friday to be handed in the following Wednesday.

Spelling lessons will continue to be on Monday. (Remember to look on the website for activity ideas.)

Please hear your child read regularly at home. Three times a week is recommended and will earn them a Success Stamp.