



AUTUMN TERM 2018

WILLOW CLASS NEWSLETTER

Key Dates for Willow Class

Monday – Spelling Test and Lesson – Purple Book needed. PE lesson.

Thursday – English and Maths homework due in. PE lesson.

Friday – Diaries checked for success stamps. New homework given out.

* Reading books and diaries needed in school every day.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year! I hope you all had a lovely summer and are looking forward to the academic year ahead.

The following information will explain the plans for Willow Class over the next two terms.

Curriculum

We are starting off the year with a Science and D&T topic entitled 'We are Designers' which will include electrical circuits and cam mechanisms! If you think you have any information or books on this topic please bring them in (named in some way) for the children to share with the class.

Our first English unit - Writing from a character's perspective (narrative) will be closely linked to our whole class book - Cogheart by Peter Bunzl. English and maths will be taught daily in accordance with the New National Curriculum. Other subjects, such as art will be linked to our topic where this is appropriate. After the autumn break we will begin our first history topic - 'We will remember'.

In Monday's PE lessons we will be improving our football skills and on Thursdays we will be taking part in Judo. Please ensure that children have appropriate PE kit on these days. As the weather changes,

children will require jumpers, tracksuit bottoms and suitable footwear for the field.

RE will be taught by Mrs Needham. Our first RE unit is Christian based and asks 'How can following God bring freedom and justice?' This will be followed by a Buddhism unit

This year, the children will frequently use a set of iPads in subjects across the curriculum to enhance their learning. As well as this, they will take it in turns to write the class blog each day. Please sign up and follow our class blog: <http://willowclass.woodboroughschool.org/> In addition, please follow @w_woodborough on Twitter for regular events and updates. It is great to see that some parents have already signed up to **Seesaw** so that they can see their child's work. If you have any queries or questions about this, please get in contact.

Homework

All children are expected to **read at home at least 3 times a week**. It is still important even in Year 6 that children read alongside adults so they can improve their fluency and confidence. It will also allow the children to discuss the content of their books in more detail.

English and Maths homework will be given out on a Friday, to be handed in the following Thursday. Weekly

spellings lessons will take place on a Monday, with homework tasks due and spelling tests the following Monday. In addition, the children should be **learning times tables and related division facts continually** as they work towards improving their results in our termly Multiplication Awards. Times Table Rock Stars is a great resource to aid with this - children will be reminded of usernames and passwords and they will be written in diaries.

We already have a trip booked for Year 6 during Term 1. More details will follow but please make a note of the following date:

28/09/18 - Marlborough Literature Festival

If any of you are particularly creative, I'm looking for someone to help out with class displays during the year. Or, if you can spare any time to help out in class throughout the year, whether it is to hear readers or assist with art lessons, please let me know. Any help is very much appreciated. We have Parents' Evenings planned for later in October, but if you have any questions or concerns before then please don't hesitate to contact me. I have attached a parent pack to this newsletter to support your child's learning at home.

Many thanks for your support,
Yours sincerely,
Mrs Wren