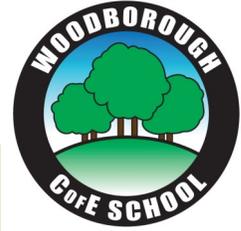


WILLOW CLASS



Autumn 1 and 2 Newsletter 2019

Welcome to the Autumn Terms. I hope everyone has had a great rest and is bursting with energy for the new school year!

Our topic focus for the first term will be History - 'Who Were the Anglo-Saxons?' We will look at where they originated from, how they lived in this country and how we know this. After the Autumn holiday, our focus changes to Science when we look at light, electricity and forces - Flash!

In RE, Willow Class will learn about freedom and justice (Christianity) and Muslims' belief in Akhirah (Islam). In PSHE, we'll be looking at healthy lifestyles and this will cover food labelling, smoking, safe use of medicines and looking after our bodies. I'm quite keen to get the children cooking this term - Anglo-Saxon recipes and healthy foods. If you can help with this in the afternoons, please let me know.

For the next two terms, our PE will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Judo will recommence on Thursday afternoons and we will also cover Football and Hockey this term. As we move from skills to games, the children will require shin-pads for both and mouth-guards for hockey.

In our English work, we'll be looking at a variety of different genres including description, narrative and discussion and trying to ensure we apply all of our year group expectations to each piece of writing. Spelling lessons will continue to be on Mondays and grouped across the Key Stage. In addition, Willow Class will also have class spellings from the Year Group expectations.

In Maths, we'll be busy working on number and place value, the four calculation areas and fractions. Throughout these areas we'll be improving our reasoning and problem solving skills. Please encourage children to use Times Table Rockstars at home to improve knowledge and fluency with Times Tables. This has a direct impact on attainment across all areas of the Maths curriculum. They should be able to instantly recall facts in any order, including missing number questions. When these are mastered, they should be able to move on to associated decimal facts, e.g. $5.4 \div 6 = ?$

Parents' Evenings are scheduled for later in Term 1 but if you have any concerns before then, don't hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Ashby

Homework

The way we do homework at Woodborough will be changing this year. A separate letter will be sent out to all parents detailing these changes. However, Year 6 is different from other year groups and our homework will change over the year to reflect this with more revision and reinforcement activities later on. For the first terms, we will do the same as the rest of the school.

Spelling Homework

will be set usually on Tuesday to be returned and words tested on the following Monday.

Please keep a look out for the Y5/6 residential letter which will be sent home shortly. Mrs Brewis and I had a day out investigating the new centre! They look very exciting activities - coasteering and rock climbing - real rocks!

Look out for Marlborough Litfest details - David Baddiel (children's author and comedian) is speaking and, for those interested in art, Chris Riddell (illustrator) is talking about his new series of books.