

WILLOW CLASS

Spring 1 and 2 Newsletter 2020



Welcome to the Spring Terms. I hope everyone has had a lovely Christmas and New Year and is eager to get back to work!

Our topic focus for the first term will be History - 'Who Were the Maya?' We will investigate this Ancient Civilization and their way of life. After the half term holiday, our focus changes to Science when we look at The Voyage of Darwin and think about inheritance and evolution.

In RE, Willow will learn about Incarnation and Salvation (Christianity) In PSHE, we'll be thinking about dealing with emotions.

For the next two terms, our PE will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays where we'll be doing rugby, netball, gym and dance. It will still be quite cold so warm leggings / tracksuits are a good idea. Waterproof trainers are also essential.

In our English work, we'll be looking at a variety of different genres including description, narrative, reports 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 measurement, statistics, geometry, ratio and proportion whilst continuing to revise calculating with whole numbers, fractions and decimals. 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, eg. $5.4 \div 6 = ?$

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 Parry 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, Booster club will be on Tuesdays 3. 15 - 4.30pm , beginning on the 28th January and running up to SATs week.

Parents Evenings are scheduled for later in Term 4 but if you have any concerns before then, don't hesitate to contact me.

Homework

To help the children prepare for the SATs, they will now get weekly homework in Maths and English. These will be given out on Mondays and Fridays and due back the following week. They will still need to read 3 times a week and discuss the text with an adult.

Spelling Homework

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

Maths Revision Books

The children will be given a revision guide for use at home and school. It will help as a reminder of methods covered.

Willow Class Workshop:

17.1.20 at 9.15 in the School Hall. Come and see what we've all been up to!