



AUTUMN TERM 2020

WILLOW CLASS NEWSLETTER

Key Dates for Willow Class

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

Thursday PE lesson – PE kit needed.

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

For the first couple of weeks of term, we will be doing lots of work around the book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers which is a whole school community project. We hope to share lots of this work with you via Twitter and the class blog.

We are also starting off the school year with a history and geography topic entitled 'Explorers' which will look at the lives of explorers and mapping their expeditions since 1066.

Our first English unit - Writing from a character's perspective (narrative) will be closely linked to our class novel - Letters from the lighthouse by Emma Carroll. 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 science topic - 'Footprints from the past'.

In Monday's PE lessons we will be improving our netball skills and on Thursdays, with Mrs Butler, we will be completing circuits and yoga activities. 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. PE kits will be sent home on a Thursday to be washed and must be returned to school for Monday's PE lesson.

Our first RE unit is Christian based and asks 'How can following God bring freedom and justice?'

This year, the children will frequently use a set of iPads in subjects across the curriculum to enhance their learning. As well as this, we will write the class blog each day. Please sign up and follow our classblog:

<http://willowclass.woodboroughschool.org/> In addition, please follow **@w_woodborough** on Twitter for regular events and updates. My professional Twitter account is **@MrsFWren**.

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.

More details about English and Maths homework will follow later in September. Weekly spelling lessons will take place on a Monday in class, 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.

Hopefully you all received the parent pack which I sent home last week - this is aimed to support your child's learning at home. If you have any questions or concerns then please don't hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to working with you all during this academic year. Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Wren