



AUTUMN TERM 2021

WILLOW CLASS NEWSLETTER

Key Dates for Willow Class

Monday –PE lesson.

Wednesday – PE lesson.

Thursday – English and Maths homework due in.

Friday –Diaries checked for reading. 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 topic on 'Light' and will also be covering a History topic on 'The Industrial Revolution and The Victorians'.

Our first English unit - Writing from a character's perspective (narrative) and newspaper writing will be closely linked to our whole class book - Cogheart by Peter Bunzl which ties in with the Victorian theme. Other subjects, such as art will be linked to our topics where this is appropriate.

After the autumn break, we will begin to look at 'Electricity' in Science and will study 'The North and South Pole' in our Geography lessons.

In Monday's PE lessons we will be improving our netball skills and our second PE lesson of the week will be on Wednesdays with Mrs Crichard. 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.

Our first RE unit is Christian based and asks 'How can following God bring freedom and justice?' This will be followed by a unit asking 'Was Jesus the Messiah?'

This year, the children will frequently use a set of iPads and Chromebooks in subjects across the curriculum to enhance their learning. In addition, please follow [@_woodborough](#) on Twitter for regular events and updates. My teacher Twitter account is [@MrsFWren](#)

Homework

All children are expected to **read at home at least 5 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 will follow shortly about a KS2 Reading System.

English and Maths homework will be given out on a Friday, to be handed in the following Thursday. If anyone needs support with homework they are encouraged to see me on a Wednesday lunchtime.

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.

The way in which we structure spelling lessons is changing and all spelling content will be covered in school - look out for more information on this shortly.

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:

21/09/21 - Marlborough Literature Festival

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