



Willow Class

Welcome to Willow Class.

We have a busy year ahead. Before looking at the more complex areas of the curriculum, we will be consolidating our knowledge and understanding of the basic literacy and numeracy skills. This *Recovery Curriculum* is to ensure every pupil feels confident and has the foundations to progress. We will be looking at some of the key concepts from previous years to make sure there are no gaps and that the year 5 and year 6 pupils in the class have a common understanding. To help support our learning, Mr Davey will be our class TA.

This term our learning will be based on the book '*Here We Are – notes for living on planet Earth*' by Oliver Jeffers. It will give us the opportunity to look at our planet in more detail and let us develop a better understanding of the cycles, processes and systems that make our world so special. We will also use it as inspiration to explore our moral obligations as humans and to discuss some of the issues and choices we may face in the future. It will also be the stimulus for our art and for looking at different cultures.

Year six can be a very exciting but also a very worrying time for pupils, parents and carers. I also recognise being a year five pupil in a predominantly year six class can bring its own issues and if this is combined with life with Covid things can get a little more complicated. So, if you have any concerns or worries please feel free to contact me either by the class email or through the school office.

Numeracy

In line with our Recovery Curriculum, we will be consolidating our knowledge of the number system, place value and using this to multiply and divide whole numbers and decimals by 10,100 and 1000. We will also revisit some of the calculation methods and strategies used in previous year groups along with our times tables.

Later in the term, we will start to look at 'order of operation' (BIDMAS) and missing number problems.

PE

Lacrosse - Catching, passing, moving and working as a team are all key skills, which the children will have the opportunity to develop. The aim is to develop the skill sets to enable the children to understand and participate in Lacrosse.

Geography and History

We will be looking at the water cycle, the carbon cycle and the different oceans, continents and climate zones of the planet.

The class will also look at different cultures and their beliefs and values and comparing them to our own.

Finally, we will look at the causes of global warming and our responsibilities.

Computing

By using Purple Mash at home, the children will be encouraged to become competent computer programmers. They will look at the basics of coding and debugging.

Music

To fit in with our topic, we will listen to the Planet Suite and explore how the composer manages to capture each planet in music.

English

Letter Writing: We will look at writing letters to a special person who has an influence on their life. The class will also look at how to structure a letter to a Government Official expressing their concerns about climate change.

Poetry: After looking at the beauty of our planet and our solar system, the children will look at conveying this visual beauty in words.

Speech Writing: The children will develop their own style through their choice of words and their use of punctuation. Writing speeches that inform and engage the reader is an art form, argue and convey a message.

**Here We
Are**

R.E.

Creation and science - Conflicting or complementary?

PSHE

Our PSHE theme will explore the concept of restoring relationships, with an emphasis on dealing with the physical, emotional and social impact of Covid-19.

Art & DT

Creating images of galaxies, planets and earth using a variety of different mediums. We will also look at making a model of our own solar system.

Science

Our science topic will look at food chains, photosynthesis and what attributes and organism needs to be classified as living.

Homework will be used to reinforce, enhance and develop the children's learning in the following areas of the curriculum;

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Requirements</i>
Maths	Problem solving homework that is to encourage pupils to use and apply the learning done in the classroom. Please also remember the key to any type of maths is knowing the times tables. Please make sure your children learn them up to the 12 times table as part of their weekly homework. Other tasks will help the children consolidate what they have learnt in class.
English	English homework will cover grammar, spelling, handwriting and punctuation. Most of the homework tasks will involve rehearsing and applying basic skills and techniques they have learnt in class.
Reading	Your child still needs to read most nights. Reading a book of their choice is very important, and should supplement any material set for homework. During the year we will be looking at how to develop the necessary skills that will allow the children complete reading comprehension tasks. So expect separate reading comprehension tasks for homework.

Homework will be set on a Monday and will normally need to be completed by the following Monday. Every Monday, I will be also send home a sheet with an overview of the reading your child has done in school the previous week. If at any point your child is having difficulties with their homework, please encourage them to find me and seek help.

A Quick Reminder – WE ARE AN ALLERGY AWARE AND NUT FREE SCHOOL – *please ensure that you do not send in any nut products.*

