



Willow Class

Spring 2 2022



Welcome to Spring Term 2!

It is hard to believe that we are a little over half way through the school year! We have a really busy term ahead of us with our topic, extra-curricular activities and assessments.

We are going to dig deeper in to our Sow and Grow topic, with a greater emphasis on sustainability, food miles and how consumers can have a positive and negative impact on the environment through their choices. We will be looking at the role of organisation like Fair Trade and the Rainforest Alliance.

With spring in the air, warmer weather just around the corner and lighter days on the horizon, the opportunity to take part in sporting festivals is going to increase. We are also going to welcome the Stay Safe Initiative to School, where they are going to run workshops on remaining safe online and how to recognise and deal with all forms of bullying.

Please remember, if you have any questions or concerns please contact the school office or email me using the class email address. I will endeavour to contact you at the earliest opportunity

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Numeracy

As well as continuing with our revision of various types of calculations that may involve fractions, decimals and percentages, we will also look at applying these skills in different areas of maths.

These areas will include; converting different metric and non-metric units; ratio and proportion; calculating area and perimeter of regular and compound shapes; and to develop our knowledge and use of algebra.

Computing

Coding and debugging, we will be using computers to look at creating code through Barefoot computing and a programme called Scratch.

Music

Old-School Hip Hop by Will Smith - Yes, this term we will be looking at Hip Hop by studying the Fresh Prince of Bel-Air!

English

Newspaper reports: Developing our own writing style is important. Developing a journalist style that engages and informs is one of our key aims when we explore this genre.

Diaries: Using clauses, semi-colons and the use descriptions to convey emotions will allow the children to write engaging texts.

Leaflets: Inspired by our farm visit, the children will use their writing skills to produce explanation leaflets covering different technical aspects of farming. We will focus on the use of bullet points and colons

Sow and Grow

Science

Our main topic will cover genetics, with a focus on how we inherit different traits from our parents. We will also look at the work of one Charles Darwin, including how animals adapt to meet the needs of their habitats.

R.E.

This term we will be looking at what difference does the resurrection make to Christians.

PSHE

Our Learn4Life theme is Rights and responsibilities, this unit looks at Thomas Coram, and how he worked hard to protect children's rights, and how his work is used today, almost 300 years later

Art & DT

The children will look at light line and shadows and nature's art through the use of photography.

In DT, we will be looking at soup recipes before cooking our own seasonal delicacies.

PE

Archery - The children will continue to develop their techniques, skills and competence in their weekly sessions.

Geography and History

Last term we did not have the opportunity to look at food and farming during WWII.

Therefore, this term we will be looking at being self-sufficient and the history of 'Dig for Victory'.

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> |
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| 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. |

Assessments – This term in preparation for the KS2 SATs in May, the year 6 pupils in the class will have the opportunity to sit mock SATs papers from previous years. These are to help the children understand what will happen in May and to gain confidence through developing their skills and understanding.



This is a low key, pressure free opportunity, so can I please ask that you help your children by not putting too much emphasis on these tasks. Please be assured that the Year 5 pupils in this class will continue to receive quality teaching.