



Willow Class

Summer 2022



Well, the S acronym that I have tried to avoid saying is getting close. As a class we will be completing one last set of papers and then honing our skills ready for May. When we reach the critical week, can I please ask that you keep your darlings at peak performance: limiting late nights; helping to reduce the occurrences of sibling rivalry; and giving them time to ask questions and voice concerns, would all greatly help. I will be talking to all of them as individuals and being positive. It is not worth them, me or you getting stressed, it is a time for them to shine!

Nearer the week I try to avoid mentioning, I will be sending out a school communication asking for volunteers to help with the breakfast. Any help would be greatly appreciated

For the year 5s the learning will not stop. I have some fantastic art and science projects lined up for them and the normal maths and English lessons will continue as normal. There is also the added excitement of the Year 5 residential to contend with.

Numeracy

This term we will be looking at interpreting and constructing line graphs and pie charts before looking at calculating mean average.

There will also be opportunities for the children to revise different areas of the maths curriculum. We will be focusing on problem solving and how we can apply our knowledge to solve two and three step problems.

PE

Cricket and Rounders - We will look at the skills and techniques that are common to both these sports (catching, fielding and batting), before moving on to participate in competitive situations.

PSHE

Some of our PSHE this term will be centred the theme of 'Being Our Best'. There is also a lesson on Sepsis.

Geography and History

During our history lessons, we will examine Greek society, significant Athenians, democracy and myths.

Computing

PRIMM - Predict, Run, Investigate, Modify and Make. We will be using our knowledge of Scratch to look at how we can recreate loops in a computer programme

Music

During this term, we will get down to a familiar beat... Dancing in the Street by Martha and the Vandellas

English

Plays: The Greeks loved a good play. We will read and study a few before using inspiration from various myths to write our own scripts

Ode: Having studied this form of poetry, the children will write their own odes following the classical form

Myth: Writing their own myths will allow the class to demonstrate their understanding of how to engage with the reader, create atmosphere and use beautiful descriptive language; all before the hero outwits the evil creature and lives a long and peaceful life.

Ground breaking Greeks

R.E.

'What did Jesus do?' Our RE topic this term looks at the themes of love, forgiveness, justice and fairness and how they have an impact on our modern world. There will also be an opportunity to look at the work of Mother Teresa.

Art & DT

We will study Greek architecture and looking at how architects add stiffness and stability to their designs, before making our own buildings.

There will also be the opportunity to look at collages.

Science

The Human body - the class will look at some of the body's major organs (heart and lungs) and what we can do to keep them healthy.

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.

Summer term 1! A polite reminder to parents that we are fast approaching the time of year where your offspring **may** need sun hats and sun cream.

With the year 6 residential, secondary school and SAT just around the corner, now would be a good opportunity to encourage your children to be more independent and to take more personal responsibility for homework, letters and uniform.

You would be surprised how many parents unfairly get the blame!

