



Class Willow Newsletter

'We can and will succeed'

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Message from the staff: Welcome to all the parents/carers to class Willow. We are so happy to be your child's new teacher and support staff and we hope to see them progress and flourish this year as they spread their wings in Key Stage 2. As always, our door is always open to you so please do see us if you have any questions, concerns or queries. We hope to have a fun-filled year with lots of amazing learning planned. Do keep asking your child what they have learnt in school as I am sure they will have plenty to share.

Class Topic:

Our topic this half-term is 'Route 66'. As part of this topic we will be learning to use maps and atlases to locate countries; comparing physical and human features of the UK and North America in our Geography lessons.

In DT, we are making a purse that will be decorated with stars and stripes to represent the American flag. Our focus will be textiles.



Science:

In Science we will be looking at nature and the environment. We will be learning about ecosystems and how changes to the environment affect them.

We will also be exploring human impact on the environment and how we can conserve water.

Maths:

In Maths, we will initially be looking at place value, we will be representing numbers to 1000, finding 1, 10, 100, 1000 more or less, as well as ordering and comparing numbers to 1000.

In Year 3, we will be focusing on number lines to 100 and counting in 50s.

In Year 4, we will be looking at counting in 25s and rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.

English:

This half-term we will be reading the fantastic book called 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane'. The children will be writing diary entries and developing their SPAG by writing in different genres. The children will also be performing during the unit.

VIPERS:

In our reading vipers lessons we will be developing our vocabulary, inference, prediction and retrieval skills. It will help your child's reading if you question their understanding about what they have read at home. E.g.: "Why do you think the character is sad?"

PE:

Children will have PE twice a week. These PE sessions will develop skills to enable the children to perform different sports. This half term we will be developing our fitness, different techniques of dribbling, block, dodge and catching a ball, aiming and throwing. These skills will be enhanced within game situation.



PSHCE:

Our unit is 'Being me in my world.' We will be looking at how to make people feel welcome and valued, who is in our school community, the roles they play and how I fit in. We will also look at how democracy works through the school council and recognise our own contribution to the whole school.

MFL:

This half term we will be welcoming our Year 3's to the world of French! We will learn greetings, numbers to 10, colours, asking someone's name and responding and some classroom objects.



How parents can help at home: Reading really accelerates children's writing so please read at home. Keep supporting your children with Seesaw to access school letters and to help with homework which is set each Friday. Children are encouraged to practise their weekly spellings and times tables (Times Tables Rock stars). Year 4 are tested on times tables in Summer.

Days/Dates to remember:

- PE is on Mondays and Wednesdays. If anyone has their ears pierced these need to be removed for PE or tape is brought in from home. The children are expected to remove or tape their own ears. If tape isn't brought in school tape will be provided.
- Spellings are set on Fridays. Spelling tests will be on Fridays the following week.
- Homework will be given out on Fridays.
- Books will be changed on Monday, please ensure they are in so they can be changed every week. Many thanks.