



Willow Class



Autumn Term

Welcome to Willow Class. We hope you have had an enjoyable summer with your children and managed to catch the sunshine.

Topics

The topic for the Autumn term is '**It's all Greek to Me!**' and the children will learn about the lasting influence of the Ancient Greeks on the western world. They will investigate the timeline and four main periods of the Greek Empire and explore different kinds of historical sources and evaluate their usefulness. Our Art and D&T work will be linked to this topic. Our English and Drama lessons will also, where possible, be linked to this topic. The children will be using a range of different styles of writing, from narrative and poetry to report writing.

Children will continue to be taught Games by our Sports coach on Thursdays. Please ensure your child's **full PE kit is in school every day and that all items are clearly named.**

In Science, we will learn about 'Living things and habitats'. We will study the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds, including some unusual examples like egg-laying mammals and marsupials. We will compare complete and incomplete metamorphosis and find out, using ICT, about well-known naturalists and animal behaviourists.

In RE we will learn about Founders of Faith and their importance for people today. We will also look at the celebration of Christmas.

Our PSHE units in the Autumn term will be 'New Beginnings' and 'Getting on and Falling out'. Children will work in small groups and will discuss rights and responsibilities in the school. They will consider other people's feelings as well as their own in new, unfamiliar or conflict situations and will think of appropriate strategies to cope with uncomfortable feelings as well as skills for solving problems and different ways of behaving to different type of relationships.

In ICT children will learn new skills on Thursdays with Miss Todd and they will apply the skills taught in other subjects. The children will use the Internet to research information and present their findings using Microsoft PowerPoint.

As well as these topics, children will continue to take part in daily Maths and English sessions.

Please feel free to send in any items you think would support the children's learning this term such as books, photographs, posters, artefacts etc.

We hope you find this information useful. We are excited to work together with you over the coming year to offer your child the very best learning experiences. The term promises to be a busy but interesting and exciting one. We thank you in advance for your help in supporting your child so they can achieve their full potential.

Yours sincerely,

Willow Class Team

Mrs Tweedale, Mrs Sassis and Mrs Ogden

