



Willow Class



Spring Term 2018

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed a great Christmas with family and friends. A busy term lies ahead...

Topics

Our topic for the Spring term is '**What a Wonderful World**' and the children will learn about physical Geography. The children will further their knowledge of the water cycle, coasts and rivers, mountains, volcanoes, earthquakes and climate zones. 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 continue to use a range of different styles of writing, from narrative and poetry to report writing. Our '**Big Write**' will continue once a fortnight and we will be supporting the children during English lessons to plan their ideas for these writing sessions. This term we are looking for the children to continue to produce quality writing and to extend their ideas and increase the amount they write too. Please continue to support your child with the Big Write by discussing WOW ideas and vocabulary. It really does make a difference.

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**. Swimming lessons will begin after half term.

In **Science**, we will be learning about the properties and changes of materials, through various exciting investigations, experiments and ICT research. Children will need to help solve everyday issues caused by the amazing array of material properties. Do they know their thermal insulators from their thermal conductors? Can they find the best materials to keep one reader's porridge hot for their commute to work, and the best bags for class 2's snack sales? Children will need to carry out an impressive array of tests to identify which materials are up to the job for a variety of reader needs.

In **PSHE**, we will be reflecting on ourselves as individuals, we will be identifying positive things about ourselves, valuing our abilities, qualities, strengths and achievements as well as our mistakes, and as a result we will be setting personal goals. Children will recognise that their actions affect themselves but also others and will try to see things from other points of view. Our second unit will focus on understanding and managing feelings and developing self-awareness and empathy.

In **RE** will learn about Celebrations related to key figures, including Easter.

In **Computing** children will keep on learning new skills on Thursdays with Mrs Todd and they will be applying the skills taught in other subjects.

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

Home Learning will continue to be set as before. Encourage your child to use best presentation for all Home Learning tasks and to hand in work on time. Please do continue to encourage your child to learn their times tables regularly as this really does support many aspects of their Maths work. There are many ways to learn times tables at home such as bingo, speed tables, flash cards, saying them together and online games. Remember the many great websites for extra practice (*'Hit the Button', BBC Bitesize KS2, funenglishgames.com, athletics, purplemash, serialmash...*)!

The **Royal Albert Hall** performance is on **Sunday 11th March**. For those taking part, we are excited about this fantastic opportunity and are sure it will be something you and your child will remember for years to come! Please encourage your child to learn their song words.

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. The term promises to be a busy but 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

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