



# Willow Class

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

## Topics

Our topic this term is 'Location, Location, Location!' and our History and Geography work will be based on a study of our local area and contrasting locations. We will link our Art and Design to this topic.

Our Year 5 children will continue to have their **Forest School** sessions on **Wednesday afternoons** and our Year 6 children will have these sessions after SATs, so please provide your child with an extra pair of old clothes and suitable footwear in their PE kit.

**Assessment (SATs) Week is the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> May.** As always, we will be making the week as worry free as possible for all pupils and we will be holding a 'SATs Breakfast' each day for our Year 6 pupils. Please support your child (whether they are Year 5 or Year 6) by ensuring they are well rested in the run up to this week and during the week itself so they are able to show their true potential and just how much progress they have made. The children will all be able to celebrate their achievements and dance until late at the '**Post SATs Disco**' on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 6-8pm!**

Preparations for the **Key Stage 2 Summer Production** will get underway shortly after SATs week. The music and drama for the play will form much of the basis for our Music and English lessons.

**In RE**, we will be looking at the human responsibility for the environment as well as ways to promote goodness.

Our **Science unit** will be 'Animals including humans'. Our challenge will be to write a children's non-fiction book including information texts, posters and leaflets about the human lifecycle. Our aim will be to research and collate information on growth, development, puberty and old age, and present it in a sensitive and logical way that is suited to children aged 8-12! All ICT work will be linked to our Science and RE topics.

Our **PSHE units** will be 'Relationships' and 'Changes'. We will focus on relationships and we will explore our feelings within the context of our important relationships including family and friends. We will also look at past and future changes, how these affect our feelings of security and confidence and how we can respond to unplanned or new changes and challenges.

Children will continue to be taught Games by our Sports coach on **Thursdays**. **Your child is expected to have their full kit in school every day of each week.** Willow Class will be contributing ideas to this year's Sports Day and will also have further opportunities for extra sporting activities and matches. ***Please ensure your child's full PE kit is in school every day and that all items are clearly named.*** Swimming lessons continue to the end of this term. 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. Remember the many great websites for extra practice too ('*Hit the Button*', *mathletics.com*, *transum.org*, *funenglishgames.com*, *BBC Bitesize KS2*, *purplemash.com* ...!)

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.

**Kingswood Week (Year 5 & 6) is 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> June.** Final details to follow shortly.

We aim to make this term exciting and memorable, especially for our Year 6 pupils who go on to pastures new in September!

We hope you find this information useful and thank you in advance for your help in supporting your child so they can achieve their full potential.

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs Tweedale, Mrs Sassis and Mrs Ogden*

**Willow Class Team**