



Willow Class



Summer Term 2018

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 '**Designs of the Decades!**' and our History work this term will be based on a study of some of the main changes in Britain since 1948 and we will identify key characteristics of different decades.



We will link our Art and Design to this topic.



Our Year 5 children will have their last **Forest School** sessions for this year on **Wednesday afternoons (18th & 25th April)** and our Year 6 children will have Forest School sessions after SATs, so please provide your child with an extra pair of old clothes and suitable footwear for these sessions.

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 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.



Assessment (SATs) Week is the week beginning 14th 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 18th 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 suffering and happiness and the human responsibility for the environment.

Our **Science** unit will be '**Animals including Humans**'. We will research and collate information on growth, development, puberty and old age, and present it in a sensitive and logical way that is suited to our audience.

ICT work and Home Learning may sometimes be linked to our Science topic.

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 changes, how these affect our feelings of security and confidence and how we can respond to unplanned or new changes and challenges

All ICT work will be linked to our Science and RE topics.

PTO



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.

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.

Save the date! An evening about children's writing



We are excited to welcome Martin Galway (HfL Advisor for English) back to our school on **Tuesday 19th June** (time to be confirmed). If you were lucky enough to hear Martin speak about children's reading when he visited us previously, you will know what a truly great speaker he is and how inspiring his events are. Look out for more details to follow in our newsletters and on the school website.



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