

Welcome to Willow Class - 2017/2018

Class Teachers ~ Mrs Tweedale (Mon, Tues, Wed)

Mrs Sassis (Wed, Thurs, Fri)

Teaching Assistant ~ Mrs Ogden (every day)

Items needed in school each day: Reading book, Homework Diary, P.E. kit named (plain navy / black shorts, plain red / white t-shirt, plimsolls, trainers and tracksuit for outdoor games & lessons)

Home Learning is set as follows:

ENGLISH HOME LEARNING

This term the English Home Learning will focus on reading and writing, SPAG (spag.com) and sometimes it may be topic or science related.

Each child will have an English Home Learning folder / book. English Home Learning will be set on **weeks that children do not have 'Talk for Big Write'**; it will be set on a Thursday and should be handed in to Mrs Sassis the following Monday.

Writing ~ When the Home Learning focus is writing, children will be expected to produce quality writing in no more than 2 to 3 paragraphs. As always, children should use their best presentation for their Home Learning.



WOW writing will be set once every half term and this is an opportunity for *extended quality* writing. Children will have two weeks to complete each WOW task.

Reading ~ When the Home Learning focus is reading, children will need to answer questions about with reference to a text and provide complete answers, where appropriate. Children are expected to read daily and record their reading in their diary.

Competent readers must maintain their reading diet in order to reach high targets by the end of Year 6. Children should still read to adults at home and parents / carers should continue to ask children questions about the text (see 'A quick guide to reading in Willow Class'). Please try to read with your child often and add a comment in the diary if you wish.

Spelling ~ A **spelling book** will be sent home each **Thursday** with new spellings to be learnt by your child. This spelling book must be returned to school each **Wednesday**. The spellings to be learnt are taken from the Year 5/6 Statutory Word list and it is expected that children will practise these spellings using the 'Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check' strategy and write sentences for some of these words as appropriate. Each Wednesday children will be given a short dictation to test their spellings.



'Talk for Big Write' Home Learning ~ 'Big Write' sessions are independent writing sessions where the children get the chance to write and practise using the English skills we have been rehearsing in class (VCOP - descriptive vocabulary, connectives, different ways to open a sentence and punctuation). Please spend some time with your child to share their ideas about VCOP that they can use in their writing. ***Children are expected to use the back of the Talk for Big Write page for planning or note-making, so that they prepare ideas that they can use in their writing. The completed, signed sheet should be returned to school ready for the children to use during their Big Write.*** This will act as a framework to structure their thinking and as a tool to help them remember to use interesting vocabulary when they write.

MATHS HOME LEARNING

Each child will have a Maths Home Learning folder. Work will be set on a **Thursday** and should be handed in to **Mrs Tweedale** the following **Monday**. Maths Home Learning will be differentiated and children will be expected to **complete two sections** every week. Children will be praised for their effort, not just the right answers! **Please encourage your child to show their working out and use best presentation at all times.** Maths Home Learning should be completed in pencil unless otherwise stated. Children should also regularly practise their times tables and be able to recall these and related facts at speed. We encourage the use of www.mathletics.co.uk and 'Hit the Button' on www.topmarks.co.uk



PE / Games / Swimming / Gymnastics

Willow Class' outdoor games lessons this term will take place on **Thursdays**. Indoor PE will be every **Tuesday**. Children are asked to have their full kit in school all week in case of timetable changes or Forest School sessions.



French in Willow Class

Willow Class will continue to learn French this year. Our lessons will be supported by the programme 'Language Angels'. C'est fantastique!

**Nous parlons
Français!**

And finally... If you are interested in the role of Parent Councillor for Willow Class, please let us know by Monday 25th September.

Thank you in advance for your help in supporting your child so they can achieve their full potential.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks,

Willow Class Team

Mrs Tweedale, Mrs Sassis & Mrs Ogden

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