



A huge welcome to everyone in Willow Class – it is lovely to see you all back in school. This term we will be getting used to all the new organisation and Year 6 responsibilities. Things are constantly changing so please check e-mails regularly and make sure that you are familiar with the new protocol for this term.

We are hoping to continue to use the Google Classroom for homework in order to capitalise on all the great work done during lockdown and to ensure that children are fully confident with this method of teaching in the future. We will also set work on the classroom so that children who may have to self-isolate or quarantine, will have access to work we are covering in class.

Topic – Kings and Queens – plots and power.

Maths

This term we will focus mainly on place value and arithmetic methods before half-term, looking at fractions alongside arithmetic after half term. We will revisit areas previously covered in years 4 and 5 as necessary.

English

Our English topic this term focusses on traditional tales and we shall be looking at a range of traditional stories and how ideas from these have been adapted in more modern stories. We will also look at Shakespeare and in particular the play Macbeth after half term.

Science

Our topic this term is forces and we will be investigating a range of forces including: gravity and up thrust and frictional forces such as air resistance. We will look at how levers and pulleys can be used in simple machines.

Humanities

This term our topic is a longitudinal study of the monarchy in Britain and we will be focussing on some of the more notable English monarchs throughout history and how the power of the monarchy has changed over time. We will focus in particular on how

historians interpret different historical sources.

R.E.

In R.E. we will be looking at the different denominations in Christianity – their history and how different people choose to worship. We will also be taking part in the Arch Bishop of York's Young Leader Awards which challenge children to be proactive to promote change. We will be giving you more information about this in the near future. Information is also posted on the Google Classroom.

Computing

We will look at e-safety, how to get the most out of online learning and word-processing skills. We will also look at data handling and programming such as Scratch.

French

We will be revising basic concepts such as numbers, colours and simple greetings and learning vocabulary relating to the world around us.

Art

In art we will look at the art of Maths and the use of shape and line in art. We will also look at traditional art forms and illustrations. The

focus will be on painting and drawing this term.

P.E.

This term we will be doing p.e. on a Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their kit on these days. P.E. will take place outside (there is no inside alternative) – so make sure you have the right kit once the weather starts to become colder.

We will do football on a Wednesday and netball or basketball on a Friday.

Homework.

Homework will be set whenever possible on Google Classroom and My Maths. Your child will be given logins for these sites.

Children will be set a My Maths task to complete at home each week. This task will support work covered in class and so it is important that it is done on the week set.

We strongly advise doing the lesson first as this really helps your child develop the understanding to complete the homework confidently.

Children need to also keep practising their times tables on TTRS to keep up their speed and recall.

Spellings will also be sent home along with activities which can be printed off to support learning. There will be a spelling test each week on **MONDAY**

Reading – Children should be reading for 30 minutes every day. This can be a reading book, magazine or something else. If your child is tired, reading to them or sharing a book together is just as valuable.

Your child also has a login for Read Theory – an online reading site with short texts followed by multiple choice answers. Your child can work through different stages scoring points as they go.

Please encourage your child to complete either the reading passport (Year 6 only) or the Termly Reading Challenge.

We may also set information texts – Topical Tuesday – or short quizzes, which are designed to promote reading skills and discussion around set topics building general knowledge This is invaluable for children tackling a wide range of reading comprehension tasks.

At this age, children still need some parental support to get the most out of homework.

Please do let us know if you are having difficulties accessing the homework or your child is struggling with the content.

You can e-mail the office or Willow Class directly. We are always happy to speak to you over the phone or clarify information by e-mail.

Keep safe

Mrs O'Dell and the Willow Class Team.

HOME LEARNING

If your child is required to stay off school , due to covid19 restrictions, please go to the area of the Google Classroom titled – Home Learning.

Under this topic you will be able to access links to lessons and activities which are linked to those being studied in class. This will enable your child to keep up with the work the class is covering.

Spelling, My Maths, TTRS and Read Theory, can be accessed as usual.

I will be continually updating this section of the classroom.

