



Curriculum Newsletter
Spring Term
2019



Willow Class



English

This term we will be studying a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. The children will compose newspaper reports and they will investigate persuasive writing based around the topic of mountains. They will be expected to use semi-colons, colons, dashes, hyphens and brackets in their writing. The children will also be revisiting the passive voice and they will be expected to use the passive voice in their compositions. The children will have a weekly spelling list to learn. They will also be expected to use Bug Club to develop their reading comprehension skills.

Maths

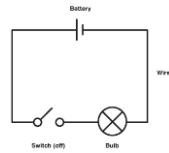
This term the children will be investigating decimals, percentages and ratio. They will be expected to identify the value of each digit in numbers to three decimal places, multiply numbers by 10, 100 and 1000 (giving the answers to 3-decimal places), solve problems which require answers to be rounded to specified degrees of accuracy, multiply decimal numbers, solve problems involving the calculation of percentages and the use of percentages for comparison and solve problems involving similar shapes where the scale factor is known or can be found. Please ensure your child learns and recites the times tables up to 12×12 .



Science

'Electricity'

The children will learn to represent circuits using symbols in a diagram.



They will learn about two of the most important scientific inventors in the field of electricity - Thomas Edison and Nikola Tesla. They will get the opportunity to develop their understanding of what electricity is and how to measure it. They will also be conducting their own investigation.

Topic

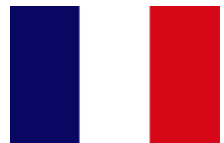
This term our topic is 'Mighty Mountains'. We will be learning about the how mountains are formed. We will investigate the different types of mountains and will use maps and atlases to locate mountains



and mountain ranges around the world. The children will also get the opportunity to build their own exploding volcano!

French

This term we will continue with the topic 'This is France'. The children will write simple sentences in French about neighbouring countries, French cities, Parisian landmarks, famous French people and nationalities.



PE and Sport

Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit (named) to school in a small bag; the children will be taking part in PE at least once a week. We recommend a pair of jogging bottoms in addition to your child's shorts so that they can be worn as the weather turns cooler. The children will need a pair of pumps for PE indoors and a pair of trainers for sports outside. The children will also be given the opportunity to join extra-curricular sports clubs, for example, football, netball, dodgeball and table tennis.



Reading

In Key Stage Two, reading is taught in daily English lessons and group guided reading sessions. The reading books your child brings home are to enable your child to further practise and consolidate his or her reading skills at home. With your support, your child will learn to read with confidence, understanding and expression. We would like you to support your child to read his or her home reading book every day, where possible.



The children are responsible for changing their own books, please indicate in the blue School Link Diary if the book has been read at home. Dojo points are awarded to children for reading at home. If your child reads other books at home, please add these to the School Link Diary to ensure that this captures a full record of your child's home reading experience, they will also be awarded Dojo points for this.

It is expected that all children log on to Bug Club at least weekly and that they complete the questions set, this will support them in improving their reading comprehension skills.

Homework

The children are expected to spend one hour on Mathematics and one hour on Bug Club each week. The children will also be expected to learn the times tables and spelling lists. The spelling test will be on Fridays (unless otherwise stated). New spellings will be given out on Fridays. The children have also been given some SATs revision books which they are expected to complete.



Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Preston
Mrs Neild