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Dear Parents,

Year 5 – Willow Class

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed a well-deserved break and I would like to wish you a Happy New Year. My name is Miss Brown and I will be continuing the teaching of your child for the remainder of Year 5. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience in my recovery and I am pleased to be back. In class I will continue to be supported by the remarkable Mrs Hutchins. In this letter you will find an overview of the topics that your child will be completing during this term.

Firstly, for the core areas of the curriculum, in Maths, our main focus is on core arithmetical concepts and accurately answering more difficult questions. I cannot stress enough, the importance of your child knowing/learning their times tables and number facts to help them in their learning. We will also move onto looking at fractions and measurements (time and converting measures).

In English, we have already started to look at narrative, in particular, we will be writing twisted fairy tales. Your child will learn advanced skills to: write complex sentences, describe the noun and to punctuate sentences.

PE will continue to be held on Thursday afternoons. However, please ensure your child has their PE kit in school for the whole week, to ensure they can participate in any other extra sessions or clubs. The children will be studying Gymnastics and this will involve them performing a variety of floor and vault movements, while developing their understanding of the necessary flexibility, strength and control needed to perform the movements successfully.

In Science, we are going to be looking at a topic titled 'We're Evolving'. In this topic we will look at how living things produce offspring that are similar in appearance, but identical to themselves, whether they are plants or animals. We will also consider how animals change over time as they adapt to their surroundings and how this leads to longer-term changes.

In Art, we are going to be looking at the art of North America. The unit will teach the class about how to draw the other half of a famous image, make collage landscapes, create body abstracts, make 'building block' houses, draw patterned skulls and be an artist's model. We will also be exploring the work of American artists.

In Computing, the children will be using iPads to create spreadsheets and formulae. This topic is heavily linked to mathematics, as they will be using spreadsheets to answer a range of mathematical problems.

In French, we are going to be studying a topic entitled 'As-Tu Un Animal? (Do You Have a Pet?)'. The children will learn how to, in French, tell somebody if they have or do not have a pet, ask somebody if they have a pet and tell somebody what their pet is called.

After half term, we move onto studying World War II in History and in particular, we will be looking at why the war started, who was involved, why children were evacuated, rationing and how the local area was affected. We are also going to incorporate our Design and Technology skills into the topic by making our own mini Anderson shelters

Some other important information:

Children in Year 5 are expected to read at least six times a week. We try to encourage them to read a wider range of materials. They are to record their reading in their reading diary and we would then ask you to sign their diary to say that you have seen them read. There will also be weekly English, Maths and spelling homework, which is marked based on effort.


All equipment is provided at school for your child, so there is no need for them to bring in a pencil case (unless there is a specific medical need). Please note that your child should always be bringing their reading book and reading record and have suitable plimsolls to wear during lessons.

We are in the process of booking a trip that will take place in the second half of this term. Once the details have been confirmed, a letter will be sent home.

I hold an open door policy, so please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office, where it can be arranged for me to contact you by telephone or an appointment made for you to see me in person.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



P.P.

Miss Brown
Class Teacher