



Welcome to Willow Class

Summer 1 Newsletter



Welcome back Willow Class! We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. We can't quite believe we are already in the Summer Term, but it has been wonderful to welcome all the children back this week and we are thoroughly looking forward to another term of exciting topics and lots of fun learning. The children have settled back in to school well- our priorities this term are their well-being and working hard to address any learning needs following from our second lockdown at the beginning of the year. Hopefully, this newsletter will give you an overview of all our plans for this half term.

Days to Remember

Mrs Mann teaches on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs Denison teaches on Thursday and Friday.

Mrs Marjoram is our shared TA on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Mrs Christison teaches on a Wednesday afternoon.

PE is on Mondays and Fridays. Please come to school in your PE kits and trainers on these days. We plan to use the field this half term so please bring in an extra pair of shoes and socks on those days in case of wet trainers!

On Fridays we will visit our 'Future Forest' for an outdoor learning focus. Please ensure children are prepared for all weathers and will continue to need their wellies in school on Fridays.

English



This term we will be looking at the Anglo Saxon poem/story of Beowulf and using this to write our own narratives hero myths alongside lots of other writing opportunities! We will also be using Beowulf to look at poetry and writing our own Kennings.

Our next class novel will be 'How to Train a Dragon' by Cressida Cowell

Maths

We will be focusing this term on fractions, decimals and money.



Anglo-Saxons and Vikings



We are very excited to start our new topic next week on Anglo- Saxons and Vikings! York is a wonderful place to learn all about this topic and we are hopeful we can make use of this in some way, despite the current pandemic. This is obviously a huge topic to cover with lots of exciting learning opportunities and although both periods in history are closely entwined, we will mainly focus on Anglo-Saxons this half term and look at the Vikings after the half term break.

Obviously, this covers many history objectives, but we will also look at geography and map skills, looking at Anglo Saxon place names and where they travelled from. In Art and DT, we are looking forward to designing and creating some jewellery. We are also hoping to finish the half term with an 'Anglo-Saxon Day' looking at everything Anglo Saxon from the food they ate to the clothes they wore and lots more!

Other Curriculum Areas

Our **Science** topic this term is 'Living Things and their Habitats'. In Willow we love our nature and wildlife so this is going to be a popular science topic to study.

In **Computing**, we will be looking at presenting using Powerpoint.

In **French**, we will be looking at 'Family and Friends'.



Homework

Please continue to listen to your child read as much as possible at home. We will be sending home some more information regarding reading shortly so please look out for it.

Please also continue to practise spellings and times tables as much as possible. As we've mentioned before, Year 4s are expected to know all of their times tables by the end of the year. We would hope Year 3s would know their 10s, 5s, 2s 3s, 4s and 8s by the end of this year.

Next week we will send home the Homework Books with twelve learning challenges for the Summer Term. The homework books can then be kept at home until the end of this half term when we will take them in to have a quick look then return for the last half term. We expect at least three activities to be completed over the half term, but the children can choose to complete more if they wish to.

Thank you

Thank you once again for your continued support throughout this year. Although this year has been a very different one in many ways, please be reassured that we will do everything we can to make this final term an enjoyable and happy one for the children, together with providing as much support and learning as we are able to. We look forward to seeing you all at the Parents' evenings coming up and as always, if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us through Seesaw or the school office to arrange a telephone chat.

Mrs Denison and Mrs Mann