



Willow Class Weekly Newsletter

Week beginning: Monday 11th December 2017

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for supporting our Enterprise Week product at the Christmas Fayre last Friday- it was definitely a pompom bonanza! Here is an overview for this week.

Next Monday 18th December, Willow class will be involved in a Greek Day where the children will be immersing themselves in the democratic decision making of ancient times and exploring Greek Cuisine. Please could the children come dressed in uniform but bring with them a white sheet (preferably double) with them.

English Activities

Genre – Sci Fi Narrative

This week we will be exploring the features of stories set in other worlds and exploring how to structure stories effectively. We will be recapping our grammar skills using expanded noun phrases and relative clauses as well as ensuring paragraphs are accurately structured.

Maths Activities

Topic –Shape

This week we will continue to look at 2D shapes but focussing on area as well as symmetry. Towards the end of the week we will be exploring types of data and how to interpret this

French

Context- At School

This week we will be recapping the rooms in a school and looking at the subjects we learn!

Science- Earth and Moon

This week the children will be learning about the planets and exploring their orbits.

Topic- Greeks

This week the children will be investigating evidence to uncover the truth behind the story of Theseus and the Minotaur.

Times tables: Please can the children revise their individual times tables for a test on Friday so that the children can work through various times table challenges. We will also be practising our times tables in our mental starters in maths.

Spellings:

Spellings this week will be different for Year 4 and Year 5:

- Year 4 will be exploring the suffix –ly which is added to an adjective to form an adverb.
- Year 5 will be converting more nouns or adjectives into verbs using ‘-ate’, ‘-ise’ or ‘-ify’

A list of spellings or spelling activity will be given to the children every **Thursday** and there will be a spelling test each Thursday following, to consolidate the learning that has taken place that week. The lists and activities will be based on ones provided by the National Curriculum and will follow the spelling pattern for that particular week.

Home Learning: Literacy – Winter Poems

This week the children will have a Literacy task to complete relating to our recent poetry work about using similes, metaphors and personification to create images. Further details will follow on Thursday when the home learning will be set. This piece of home learning will be **due in next Wednesday**.

Home Learning is also to be completed in the children’s Home Learning books and will be given out alongside their spellings, reading practise and their individual times tables.

Please can the children practise reading aloud each day for 10-15mins or ask them questions about what they are reading at the moment and what is happening to characters or what may happen to them.

Please encourage the children to come and see me as soon as possible if they do not understand their home learning activities so that they have enough time to complete the activities at home.

Many thanks,
Mrs Wright