

Willow Class Summer Newsletter



Welcome back to the final term of Willow Class. It hardly seems possible! This newsletter gives you a brief guide to the highlights this term. If you have any queries at any time, please do ask me.

Our learning this term

We are currently continuing and completing our topic on *The Tudors and Shakespeare*.

We will then be then be studying *Living Things and Their Habitats* in *Science*.

Following that, our last topic of Year 5 will be *The Greeks* - myths, ancient civilisation and the modern country.

In *RE* we have begun by looking at the *Easter* and this will be followed shortly by a study of *Pentecost*.

Apart from writing a play-script and reading, and writing our own, Greek myths, *Literacy* this term focuses on *Poetry*. You may find your children coming home with some favourite poems to learn by heart.

Maths lessons continue to follow the National Curriculum. As ever, it is vital that the children know their *times tables* up to 12 x 12 by heart - together with the associated division facts. This underpins so much of the fraction, percentage and division work we do in Year 5.

And last, but not least - the end of term production on Wednesday the 12th of July! A very busy term!

GAMES LESSONS

Please make sure the children have their PE kit in school **at all times**. It is especially important this term when there may be impromptu practice sessions in advance of sports day.

PE Kits will be sent home for washing each half term.

It is really important that the children should have a **spare pair of socks in school in case their feet get wet during outdoor games**.

Also, they are welcome to bring a tracksuit for outdoor PE but this should be plain dark blue or black.

Portsmouth 5th May

We were all very disappointed that the trip to London couldn't go ahead, but the children seem to have really enjoyed their trip to the Victory and Mary Rose - the visit to the Victory seems to have been extremely popular.

Reading Books

The children are continuing to enjoy the new books from our reading scheme and many books are being changed every day!

Please encourage your child to read their school reading book regularly, alongside all other the reading material and books they have at home and from the library.

Homework Reminder ... Both *Maths* and *Literacy* homework will generally be set on a **Friday now** for return the following **Wednesday**. You may have noticed that the spelling words are getting much trickier these days - so there may also be spelling activity to support the list of spelling words. Please encourage your child to practise their lists. Occasionally, there will be an additional piece of homework relating to our current topic. Our **homework club** runs every **Tuesday after school**, so, if your child is having any difficulties completing their homework, this is an ideal place to get some help.

Letters The children have been reminded that they need to take any letters for school, including lunch orders, out of their book bags in the morning and place them in the tray for the office. This generally works very well, but it would be really helpful if you could make sure that they know if there is a letter they need to pass on.