

Whimble Primary School - Curriculum Newsletter

Class: Willow Year: 5/6 Term: Autumn 2020/2021



Dear parents and pupils,

Welcome to the autumn term! Please find details outlining our learning for this term. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.

It feels fantastic to be able to welcome your child in to school again following such a long break. Should you have any questions or concerns throughout this year, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

English

- Sentence and paragraph development for different writing purposes
- Handwriting practice
- Study of various texts and genres with linked comprehension
- A book study of *Black and White* with independent writing

Maths

- Place value of numbers up to 7-digits long
- Revision of calculation methods (add, subtract, multiply and divide)
- Fractions
- Geometry: shape, space and position

Science

- Working scientifically: how and why to conduct experiments across the sciences
- Electricity

Art and Design

- Understanding line and tone and mood
- Sketching techniques, and observational drawing

Computing

- Introduction to Google Classroom at a tool for school and home
- Research skills using appropriate search engines

Geography

- The British Empire
 - The commonwealth
 - The reach of the British Empire at various points in history
 - Argentina and the Falkland Islands

History

- The British Empire
 - The rise of the Empire and its change over time
 - The empire from different points of view
 - Trade and slavery
 - Independence

Languages

- Learning French rhymes and basic conversational language

Religious Education

- The Mayflower and Christianity

Music

- The ocarina
- How music is used to convey mood in films and theatre.

Physical Education

Children need to have PE kit in school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

- Real PE
- Hockey

Personal Development

- Development of our social responsibility to our community and beyond
- Understanding the changes in the world over the past year, and how we fit into that
- Transition to secondary school for those in Year Six
- Taking responsibility for ourselves, our belongings and our work
- Working with younger children throughout the school
- The Civic Award (details to follow)

It is important to remember that children's learning journeys continue at home, as well as in school. With this in mind, **homework** will be set in the following ways:

- Spellings: children will be given a set of spellings every fortnight. These will be set and tested on a Tuesday.
- Reading: children are expected to read at home every night (this will not be *set* by me, more an expectation that this will be completed)
- One other piece of homework: this may be set in a homework book, or may be online. Details will be given to your child each week.
- Other independent activities: all children have logins to Read Theory and Spelling Shed.

If you have any further questions regarding any of this information, or have any queries regarding your child's time in Willow Class in general, please do not hesitate to ask.

Many thanks,

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