

# Whimble Primary School - Curriculum Newsletter

**Class: Willow**

**Year: 5/6**

**Term: Summer 2023**



Dear parents and pupils,

Welcome to the summer term! We look forward to sharing a positive final term for those in Year Six!

## English

- Writing stories with specifically chosen language suitable to the genre, to convey complex meaning
- Using speech in writing effectively
- Continuing to develop our joined handwriting styles until fluent
- Applying increasingly complex spelling rules, and using these in our independent work
- Reading a wide variety of texts and answering a range of comprehension questions, particularly inference questions.
- Continuing our shared reading journey – current book: *Murder Most Unladylike* by Robin Stevens

## What can we do at home to support?

- Continue to read to or with your child. All children, regardless of their reading ability, love hearing others read and please ask if you need support with choosing any texts.
- Consider revision materials for the SATs tests in May. The *KS2 English Year 6 Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Targeted Question Book (with Answers)* available from CGP is an excellent and affordable option – please do ask if you require any support.

## Maths

- Revision of content for Year Six children, looking at SATs tests
- Working with decimals and fractions in complex problems
- Long division and multiplication
- Ratio, area and perimeter

## What's the one thing we can do at home to support?

- Ask your child to login to Doodle Maths and complete their set of questions. 10 minutes a day will make a noticeable difference to their fluency and confidence.

## Science

- Physics: Earth and Space
- Biology: Human Circulation, diet and body systems

## What's the one thing we can do at home to support?

- Use the environment around you, and the wealth of information available online (BBC iPlayer has lots of David Attenborough materials, free of charge) to discuss these concepts

## Art and Design

- 3D sculpture
- Printing

## Languages (French)

- School Life
- Time Travelling

## Geography

- Why are mountains so important?

## Computing

- Programming: variables in games
- Programming: Sensing

## Music

- How does music shape our way of life?
- How does music connect us with our environment?

## History

- A history of Exeter over time.

## Religious Education

- The founding of Sikhism and how equality and fairness are shown.

## Physical Education

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

- Football
- Cricket
- Real PE: health and fitness, and personal skills

## Personal Development

- Using the 6Rs, in tandem with the Skills Builder areas to develop learning behaviours.
- Continuing to follow The Civic Award
- Fantastic Friday, including cooking, yoga and Forest School
- Continuing to work with local secondary schools to support transition
- Emotional Logic session

## Skills Builder

- Summer term 1: listening and reasoning (problem solving)
- Spring term 2: speaking and resourcefulness (creativity)

## What's the one thing we can do at home to support?

- The summer term can be a very challenging time, so please do your best to talk to your child about any big events coming in their lives. One legacy that we are noticing from Covid disruption is children's ability to be resilient to change, and to articulate their thoughts. If you are having any challenges at home, please do get in touch.

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 week**. These will be set and tested on a Wednesday.
- Homework activities: there will be one piece of homework to supplement the learning we have been doing in class. This will be set on Wednesday, and is due the following Wednesday.

All homework will be set via Google Classroom, but provision can be made for anyone who is unable to access this at home. 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,

Mr M Brown

