

# Whimble Primary School - Curriculum Newsletter

**Class: Willow**

**Year: 5/6**

**Term: Autumn 2023**



Dear parents and pupils,

Welcome to the first term! I look forward to spending a positive and exciting learning journey with your child this year.

## English

- Story writing and understanding coherent narrative using the book *Kensuke's Kingdom* as a model.
- Writing non-fiction texts about animals found around the world.
- Revising and utilising grammatical terms and understanding how this influences our writing.
- Sharing class novels together, starting with the book *Wonder*.

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

- Read with your child every day for 10 minutes. There is extensive evidence to show that reading to, and listening to children read has significant impacts on their learning across the curriculum.

## Maths

- The place value of numbers: what does each digit represent?
- Addition and subtraction strategies
- Application of times tables and written strategies for multiplication and division
- A focus on mathematical oracy and speaking effectively to enhance learning

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

- Use your child's login details to Doodle Maths and ask them to complete their 'x a day' at least 4 times per week. The app is free of charge and children can use their school subscription.

## Science

- Physics: Electricity
- Physics: Light and the eye

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

- Discuss how electricity works and what electrical components can be found around the home. How do they work? How might our lives be different without electricity?

## Art and Design

- Drawing
- Painting

## Languages (French)

- Pleased to meet you

## Computing

- Computing systems and networks: communication
- Creating media: 3D modelling

## Music

- Enjoying musical styles
- Freedom to improvise

## Enquiry Question (history focus including geography)

- Why did the ancient Maya change the way they lived?

## Religious Education

- Hinduism

## Physical Education

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

- Netball
- Swimming
- Real PE: cognitive and creative modules

## Personal Development

- Thinking about thinking: what strategies help us to learn? Remember? Solve problems?
- The Civic Award
- Buddy system with children in Elm Class to support reading and positive play
- Using the schools 6Rs to inform personal development.

## Skills Builder

- Autumn term 1: Teamwork and Listening
- Autumn term 2: Leadership and Speaking

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

- Talk to your child about their responsibilities and how to be a positive member of the communities they live in. We will be thinking about volunteering later in the year, so talking about this now will certainly help.

While it is important to continue your child's learning journey at home, I would like all extra work to be enrichment of their learning in the classroom. So alongside daily reading and regular Doodle Maths, your child will be given:

- Spellings: children will be given a set of spellings **every week**. These will be set and tested on a Wednesday.
- Homework activities: the attached homework grid outlines some ideas that your child could attempt. Ideally, they will bring one piece of work in per week to be shared on display.

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

## A selection of dates for your diary

Week of 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Bikeability for Year Six children
Week of 13 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs week for Year Six children
Week of 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year Six residential to Pixies Holt

