

Whimple Primary School - Curriculum newsletter



Class: Willow

Year: 5/6

Term: Spring 2018

English

- Shakespeare and his writing - specifically Romeo and Juliet
- Fiction and non-fiction writing based on Ancient China and dragons
- Story writing based on authors and reading list books
- Grammatical terms and application of these in writing
- Free writing
- Using videos and books to inspire writing in guided reading sessions

Maths

- Place value or large and small numbers
- Written methods of calculation
- Problem solving by applying what we have learned
- Fractions and decimals
- Shape, space and geometry

Science

- Earth and Space
- Properties and changing materials
- BBC Terrific Scientific experiments

Art and Design

- Making a Chinese style dragon
- Chinese New Year Lanterns
- Sketching techniques and drawing people

Computing

- Using technology in different ways around the theme of King Arthur
- Algorithms
- Presenting work to the class using Keynote and PowerPoint

Geography

- Work linked to ancient and modern China and how these two compare
- Finding landmarks on a map
- Using maps to inspire writing

History

- A study of ancient China with a focus on the Shang Dynasty (bronze age)
- Dragons and their significance within the history of China and its culture

Languages

- French: pets and animals, descriptive terms
- German language with parent

Music

- Different compositional elements while understanding terminology and its impact on a musical piece.

Physical Education

- Dodgeball
- Cricket tuition with Devon Cricket coach
- Extra-curricular sporting activities

Personal Development

- Discussion of 'role within school' and how this has changed by moving up a year group
- Beginning 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
- Sex and relationships education (more details to follow)

Essentials for Learning and Life

- Roles and responsibilities across the school include:
 - Bell monitor - ringing to signal return to class
 - Register monitor - delivering registers to classes twice daily
 - Music monitor - organising music for assembly and liaising with teachers for appropriate song choices
 - Tuck shop manager and monitor - responsible for re stocking the tuck shop and being on duty during break time
 - Date monitor - changing the date in class before school each day
 - Class monitor - helping staff in the classroom complete various jobs