

# Whimble Primary School - Curriculum Newsletter

**Class: Willow**

**Year: 5/6**

**Term: Autumn 2025**



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. Here is a flavour of our curriculum for the first term leading up to Christmas:

## English

- Revisiting sentences and developing our understanding of how to communicate meaning effectively.
- Handwriting and spelling practice to build confidence and fluency as writers.
- Writing for different purposes, using the books *Varjak Paw* and *A Drove of Bullocks* as model texts.
- Whole Class Reading sessions to develop our understanding of how different books work.
- 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

- Thinking deeply, explaining clearly, learning together.
- Learning how to communicate our thinking through written, oral and visual means.
- The place value of number – what does each digit represent?
- Using effective strategies for calculation to solve problems efficiently.
- Developing fluency using a selection of questions each day to support retrieval of things we already know.

### 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?

- Visit the local library (or come to the library at school!) and look for non-fiction books about these subjects. There are so many great authors who write in a factual way which will help your child engage in their learning.

## Enquiry Question (history focus including geography)

Why did the ancient Maya change the way they lived?

## Art and Design

- Drawing and painting
- Textiles – combining fabric shapes

## Languages (French)

- Pleased to meet you

## Religious Education

Hinduism – why do Hindus try to be good?

## Computing

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

## Music

- Sing and play in different styles
- Developing ensemble skills

## Physical Education

Children need to have PE kit in school every day. We will aim to do PE on Wednesdays and Fridays

- 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 15<sup>th</sup> September    Swimming starts for all children in Willow Class, repeating on Mondays until half term.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September    In person parent talk for all parents at 5.00pm for approximately 20 minutes.

Week of 13<sup>th</sup> October    Bikeability for all Year Six children.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November    A non-pupil day: the school is closed to children.

