

Whimble Primary School - Curriculum Newsletter

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



Dear parents and pupils,

Welcome to the autumn term! Please find details outlining our learning for the first term of this academic year; your support is greatly appreciated as always.

English

- 'Quick Writing': using written or pictorial prompts to inspire frequent, short pieces of writing.
- Understanding narrative and writing coherent pieces of work with a clear structure.
- Daily Whole Class Reading sessions using our class novel, or extracts of other texts.
- A continued focus on handwriting, spelling and use of vocabulary across the curriculum.

Maths

- Understanding the value of numbers up to 1,000,000
- Using and calculating with fractions
- Correspondence between fractions, decimals and percentages
- Written methods of calculation for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division

Science

- Classifying materials by their properties
- Reversible and non-reversible reactions

Art and Design

- Painting
- Textiles (making a Christmas decoration)

Computing

- Computing systems and networks – Communication
- Creating media – 3D Modelling

Geography

- The geography of Central America, in relation to the history enquiry below.

History

- Ancient Civilisations: Why did the ancient Maya change the way they lived? An investigation into different aspects of the Maya civilisation of Central America, which reached its zenith around AD 900

Languages (French)

- All Around Town – the features of towns and villages
- On the Move – using adjectives to describe

Religious Education

- Christianity – investigating how Christians show their commitment to God

Music

- How Rock music developed from the Beatles onwards. Analysing performance.
- History of music - Jazz in its historical context.

Physical Education

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

- Tag Rugby
- Gymnastics
- Creative and cognitive development through Real PE

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
- Beginning transition activities for those in Year 6
- The Civic Award (more details to follow)
- Learning how the 6Rs can help develop our learning behaviours

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.
- 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)
- 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.

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