



Willow Class Newsletter

Spring Term 2 - February 2019

Welcome

Hello and welcome back, we hope you've had a great half term break and are all ready for the half term leading up to the Easter break.

We had a fantastic Spring Term 1, all of the Willow Class thoroughly enjoyed our topic 'Great Explorers'. We learnt about lots of significant people in history such as Christopher Columbus, Neil Armstrong and Captain Scott. We went on journeys around school and some of us used our Geography skills to follow a compass iPad app to find treasure.

We enjoyed linking our topic to our English lessons, we discussed what we are good at and wrote applications to NASA to become astronauts. We made wanted posters, fact files and even had a virtual reality experience in the classroom.

We have a busy half term planned with a variety of exciting learning opportunities. We also have a few different trips planned, some of us are going to Waterworld and we will all be going to The Long Eaton School to visit their observatory.

Science

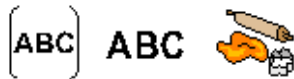
In our Science lessons this half term we will be continuing to learn about the topic 'Materials & their properties'. We will be testing different materials to find out which ones are suitable for umbrellas and which ones will float or sink. We will be taking part in a variety of British Science Week experiments and some more CREST award activities which the children all enjoy. We will also be learning about Space through our topic lessons and trip to the



Topic

Our last topic 'Great Explorers' was a huge hit with the whole class, we have decided to follow the children's fascination with Neil Armstrong and Space and learn even more about the galaxy we live in. Our topic during this half term is 'To Infinity and Beyond', where we will develop an awareness of outer space and space travel. This will be embedded through a range of exciting and personalised sensory experiences such as poetry, stories, songs, ICT, art and music. We will be making 3D planets to add to our 'space centre' reading area and following instructions during our computing lessons to create our own aliens. We will also have an alien spaceship crash landing on the playground, the children will need to

English



In our English lessons this half term we will be reading stories linking to our topic 'To Infinity and Beyond'. We will be reading 'Beegu', 'Aliens love underpants', 'There's no place like Space' and 'Back to Earth with a Bump'. We will be acting the stories out, making wanted posters, creating poems

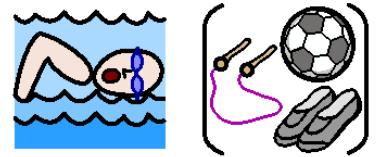
Maths



In Maths this half term we will continue to work towards achieving our individual targets in 'Number', 'Shape, Space and Measure' and Data Handling. We will link lots of activities to our topic lessons; such as counting, adding and singing about spaceships and aliens. We will also create pictograms of our favourite space books and characters from the stories.

Swimming, PE & Rebound

We will continue our swimming/hydro lessons on Monday afternoons and will swim in alternate groups each week. Please send your child's kit into school each week just in case there are pupils absent as it might mean your child can have an extra swim.



PE is on a Tuesday afternoon which will be taught by the PE Teacher, Wendy Milner.

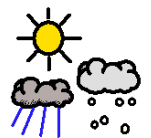
Water bottles

Please send a water bottle into school for your child. These are available throughout the school day for the children to access.



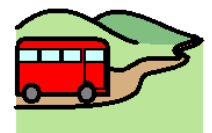
Weather

Please remember to send your child with appropriate clothing for the weather, especially as the weather can be unpredictable at this time of year.



Trips

Willow Class have some very exciting opportunities happening this half term. We will be visiting The Long Eaton School who have their own observatory. During the trip we will learn about our solar system and take part in some experiments. Some of the children will be going to Waterworld in Stoke on Trent, unfortunately this isn't appropriate for the whole class as they do not have suitable changing facilities. We recently Skype video called Seabridge School, which is one of our Trust schools. We discussed internet safety and talked about our schools. Seabridge have their own radio station which they have invited us to attend and take part in. We hope to go there very soon!



House points

Children in Willow class will continue to receive a house points for excellent work, behaviour, sharing ideas and lots of other achievements. When they have received 10 house points they will be able to choose a reward. They are able to choose a toy from the reward box, or can ask for something in particular such as the iPad, computer, Switch games or bubbles!

