

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2024  
CLASS: 5 Willow



### Class News

Please ensure that uniform, coats and bags are labelled. Please remember to bring labelled water bottles to school each day and a healthy snack for breaktime is optional **(NO NUTS)**. Lunch should be ordered from home for the week using Schoolgrid.

Our PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays so children can come to school in their PE kits.

Homework is set and due weekly on Fridays and consist of:

- Times Tables Rock Stars **(5 minutes daily)**
- Reading **(20 minutes daily)**
- Spelling **(5 minutes daily)**
- Maths or reading task **(weekly)**
- AR quiz **(weekly)**

After school clubs will start the week commencing 15th January  
Parent consultations will run from 12th-14th March.

## CORE SUBJECTS

### English writing

The children will continue to develop their writing skills such as handwriting, spelling and grammar through lessons on top of main writing lessons.

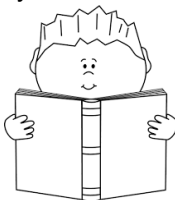
In writing lessons, children will generate ideas and vocabulary as well as use literary devices whilst developing sentence work through the poem of 'The Highwayman' and 'Screen Use' which is a balanced argument.



### English reading

The children will continue to develop their reading skills such as locating information from a text; understanding character perspectives; summarising events; understanding vocabulary they come across and much more.

They will do this through a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts such as myths, stories, biographies, recipes, reports, poetry and much more.



### Mathematics

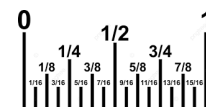
This term, children will continue to build upon their place value knowledge through negative numbers, powers of 10, 100, 1000 and Roman numerals. We will be revisiting the formal methods for calculating the four operations as well multiplying and dividing by 10, 100, 1000 and using inverses.



The second half of the term will be dedicated to fractions including identifying and ordering fractions; calculating fractions; improper fractions and mixed number fractions;

adding and subtracting fractions; multiplying fractions.

Children will finish off exploring the links between fractions and decimals.

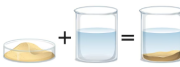


## FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

### Science

Properties and Changes of State: this term, the children will build on their knowledge of solids, liquids and gases by investigating the solubility, separation, heating and cooling of a range of materials.



 Children will be working scientifically by comparing and grouping materials as well as identifying and discussing the most suitable materials for different roles.

### PSHE

Dreams and Goals: children will be looking to the future as grown-ups with jobs, careers, lifestyles and how to achieve them.



Healthy Me: children will explore the effect of diet, alcohol and smoking on the body as well as considering body image and emergency aid.

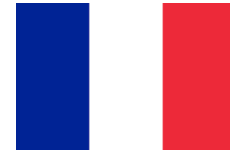
### RE

Judaism: children will be looking closely at what happens in a variety of different places of worship including the synagogue. They will be exploring similarities and differences between the different religions and places of worship.



### French

French-speaking world: children will be exploring countries which speak French, they will be able to describe aspects of these countries such as their climates and their landmarks. They will also learn to give directions in French.



### PE

Cricket: children will develop striking and fielding techniques to apply to a game of cricket.



Tennis: children will develop a variety of strokes for gameplay.

Gymnastics: children will

use a range of travels, balances and movements to create sequences on the floor and apparatus.



### Geography

Longitude, Latitude and the Tropics: children will explore timezones, maps, grid references and navigation in order to understand how Earth has been geographically organised by humans.



Fair Trade, Thailand: children will understand trade and how it can become fairer for other countries. They will compare Thailand and the UK.



### DT

Chinese Inventions: children will be exploring how Chinese inventions impacted the world such as techniques with cotton, gunpowder, water-powered machines and kites. They will go on to design and make their own kites.



### Art

Printing: children will design, carve and layer images for printing influenced by Ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphics. Their layering will be used to add depth and detail to their final image.



### **Computing**

Data Handling: children will be exploring how the Mars Rover collects and transmits data from space. They will look at the make up of such machinery as well as learning to read and calculate binary codes.



### **Music**

Compose Using your Imagination: children will be singing and playing percussion instruments as well as using digital platforms to compose their own music.



More Musical Styles: children will explore a range of musical styles and genres through song, percussion and composition.

### **Special weeks**

**Week commencing 15th January:** Clubs start

**Friday 19th January:** Last day for book fair

**Thursday 25th January:** Year 5 Mosque trip

**Week commencing 5th February:** Assessment week

**Week commencing 12th February:** Half term

**Wednesday 28th February:** Talking Pants Day

**Week commencing 4th March:** Assessment week

**Week commencing 11th March:** Parent's evening

**Friday 29th March:** Good Friday

**Week commencing 1st April:** Easter Holidays

**Week commencing 8th April:** Easter Holidays

**Thursday 28th December:** Last day of Term