



Willow News Letter - Spring Term 2017

PE

Swimming begins this term on Wednesday mornings. We will also be taking part in Hockey and Gym this term. Please ensure names P.E kit is in school all week.

Topics

This half-term Willow will be looking at the Geography of North America - both physical and human. We will spend time studying maps to locate States and principle cities. The class will spend time finding out about a state of their choice and how it has grown as a settlement over time. They will also be looking at key physical features on North America including: lakes, rivers and mountain ranges. After half-term we will be investigating 'Electricity' and studying changes in transport over time.

Maths

This term Willow will be learning about fractions, decimals and percentages. We will continue to practise our times tables and arithmetic every week, and develop our reasoning skills by solving problems and explaining our methods and answers.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a labelled drink bottle to keep in class, especially this term. Water only please. Fruit drinks may be brought with packed lunches.

Targets

We are all committed to helping the children make good progress over the year, working towards the expected standards in the assessment framework.

French

The theme for the term is 'Les vêtements and 'En Famille'' with an emphasis on use of adjectives for description.

Literacy

Willow will be using 'Talk for writing' strategies to examine and practise writing in different genres this term. Fiction topics include writing 'warning' and 'finding' tales. Non-fiction includes journalistic writing and persuasion. Grammar continues to be a key focus as well as spellings.

RE

This term the children will be following 'Lighting the candle' themes, thinking about questions such as 'Who are we worshipping with?' and our R.E Unit: Understanding Christianity. Old Testament stories will also be told. Mr.Cracknell

Homework

We will be continuing with Mathletics online. Year 6 will also receive written Maths homework on a Thursday each week. Times tables will be tested weekly on a Friday. A learning experience task will be set each half-term. Reading and discussing texts is very important this year and as well as guided group reading in class, the children will still be encouraged to read and discuss texts at home on a regular basis.

Teachers may set other individual or group tasks to support children's learning at their discretion throughout the year. Year 6 children may receive extra pieces of homework in preparation for their SATS tests in May.