

Spring Term Newsletter 2023

Dear parents of Willow Class,

I really hope you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable time over the Christmas holidays. I am pleased to announce that Miss Oakes will be with us for a few more weeks before she returns to university to finish her dissertation.



As the weather is getting colder and wetter, please ensure your child is well-wrapped up with a named waterproof coat, hat, gloves and scarf. A gentle reminder that all clothing, water bottles and pots for healthy snacks should be named.

Topic

This half-term we are focusing on Scotland. We will look at a wide range of human and physical features associated with settlements and mountains. Next half-term our topic will be history, focusing on Roman Britain.

Literacy



This half term, the children will be studying 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. Please continue to read regularly at home, signing reading records at least 5 times a week. Please can all reading records and books be in school every day.

Our literacy and language genre for this half term is based on a playscript called 'A tune of lies' by Lou Kuenzler. The focus is on developing enjoyments of plays and exploring the key themes. At the end of the unit, we will write a new episode, studying dialogue and suffixes.

Spelling homework will continue to be uploaded to Spelling Frame and provided weekly as a paper version.

Maths

This term, we will:

- Learn multiplication and division facts for the 4, 8 and 10-times tables.
- Look at 2-D and 3-D shape including turns, angles and polygons.
- Statistics, including pictograms, bar charts and two-way tables.
- Multiplication and division using flexible partitioning with and without exchange and remainders and scaling.
- Length and perimeter in millimetres, centimetres and metres
- Fractions - unit fractions, equivalent fractions and comparisons.

Each week a section of the Schofield homework booklet should be completed. In addition, please continue to practise times tables (multiplication and division facts) at home including 2, 5, 10 and 3's.

Science

In physics, we will begin to look at light, We will focus on identifying natural and artificial light, how shadows form and observing when our classroom might be darkest and why.

PE

As previously advised, P.E. will be taught on a Monday and Tuesday. This half term we will focus on traditional dance, gymnastics and athletics. We will also be attending a rugby workshop session run by pupils from the Holyrood Academy at Chard Rugby Club.

PSHE

Our PSHE units for this term will be Keeping Myself Safe and then Rights and Responsibilities. During these units we will: discuss what we can do to make a situation less risky, online safety and weighing up whether a statement is true.

MFL

In French this term we will be learning about the classroom and in Spring Term 2 we will learn some basic German.

Please feel free to contact me on the home learning email account with any questions. Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Hensman. Willow Class