



Spring Term 2024

Willow Newsletter Year 4/5

Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a well-earned rest and enjoyed Christmas.

Firstly thank you for all your beautiful Christmas cards and generous gifts, it was very kind of you and much appreciated.

After travelling back in time to the Second World War in the Autumn, this term we travel across the world to the Amazon for this term's adventures. Our new topic entitled 'Rainforest Adventures' will focus on our planet's rainforests, more details are on the next page. Please continue to log in to Seesaw to see messages from class and examples of work and activities.

Willow will be having lots exercise this term. We will swim on Mondays and have PE with STITC is on Wednesdays, please can children come to school wearing their school PE kit in readiness. We will also be doing Forest school on Fridays (details to follow)

I will be setting homework every week as usual, this will include spelling, timetables and a written /maths piece, in addition to reading. If your child is struggling with it, do not battle, please contact me and we will support them with it during the school day.

We look forward to a happy, healthy and productive 2024 working together, if you have any questions or concerns please do contact me on Seesaw or in the playground.

From Mrs. Morgan and the Willow team

SPELLING

Please help your child to learn any words, spot patterns and know their meanings.

Spelling tests on Wednesday



Whole school trip
to CHESTER
ZOO
Friday March
8th

Dinner reminder

Please pre- order your school meals each week on a Friday.

Know your Times Tables

Learn to say tables, answer random questions and apply facts to missing number and division questions.

Time tables tests on Friday.

Practise on TTRS to be **TOP OF THE TTRS POPS** in Golden book each week.

Homework.

Given out on Friday. **Due in on WEDNESDAY**



Reading

Please continue to share books with your child—take turns, read extracts, discuss the story and characters, it really is one of the most helpful things you can do.

Don't forget to record a comment and sign the reading map in the back of your reading diary. Prizes are awarded!



Monday swimming at Oswestry school
Jan 15th, 22nd, 29th, Feb 5th

Wednesdays PE lesson with Mr Hughes from STITC

PLEASE wear blue/ black shorts or jogger and white/ pale blue top **ON THURSDAYS**

Forest Fridays— please wear old, warm clothes, waterproofs and wellies

Jan 19,26, Feb 2,9th

English:

Our Literacy this term will be linked with our topic where possible.

This will include:

- Adventure stories/ diaries
- Persuasive argument writing
- Non-chronological writing
- Stories by the same author
- Imagery poems/ Poems on a theme
- Y5 will use Bookfest books and complete activities for competitions

Mathematics:

We will continue to develop written methods for all four numbers operations especially multiplication and division. We will be learning about Roman numerals, negative numbers and continuing to learn and apply our times tables.

We will focus on fractions and decimals in particular this term, linking our work to other areas eg. measures, money

PSHE:

How can we manage our feelings?

How will we grow and change?

PE:

Gymnastics/ Dance with Mr Hughes from STIC

Swimming

Forest Friday

SpringTerm

Willow class

Rainforest adventures



Visit: Trip to Chester Zoo

Science:

Through our topic of Rainforest Adventures, we will learn about 'living things and their habitats'.

This will include:

- Revise plants-Parts of a plant and how they adapt in a rainforest environment
- What living things need to survive
- Grouping and classifying living things according to their features.
- Lifecycles of plants, insects and mammals
- Food chains—identifying producers, predators and prey).
- Considering the effect of changes in the environment on living things and their habitat.
- Endangered species and conservation work

Geography/ History:

We will be studying where rainforests are located in the world, their climate and biodiversity as well as why they are so important to our planet.

We will look at Brazil and the Amazon rainforest in particular, looking at what it is like to live there compared to Britain and the conflict of feeding a growing population/ economy and the survival of the rainforest.

Music: This term, we will continue our lessons with Mrs Watson. Our themes are: Playing the recorder and Cyclic patterns

French:

Le Carnaval des animaux

Numbers 1-100 - plus/ moins/ font

The Hungry caterpillar in French- days of week, food and preferences

ICT:

Y4 Programming A - Repetition in shapes
Data and information - Data logging

Y5 Programming A - Selection in physical computing
Data and information - Flat-file databases

ART/ DT:

We will look at drawing plants/ animals and creating our own rainforest mixed media
Artists: Rousseau/ Beatriz Milhazes

RE:

How do festivals and worship show what matters to Muslims? Shropshire L2.9

Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'? Shropshire L2.5