Curriculum Information

Willow, Chestnut and Maple Spring Term (1&2) 2023



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Our topic for this term is 'Our United Kingdom'.

Our learning this term

This includes:

<u>Humanities (Geography)</u> – Our United Kingdom

Children will name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time.

Science – Living Things and their Habitats

Children will understand what a 'habitat' is and why certain animals live in the habitats they do. Children will explore and use classification keys to identify groups of living things. They can identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment and recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.

Design & Technology - Insect boxes

Children will research insect boxes and will then generate, develop and model their ideas through discussion, annotated sketches and diagrams so that it is fit for purpose. Children will construct their insect box using hand tools before evaluating their finished product.

Mathematics

Children will develop their knowledge, skills and understanding within key areas in Mathematics following the White Rose Hub scheme of work. In this term, children will focus on addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, Length and Perimeter and Fractions. The children's ability to 'reason' will be developed throughout all of their mathematical work as they are encouraged to explain how they have reached solutions to problems.

English

Our work over this half term will centre around 'Rabbit's Bad Habits'. We will be exploring plot and character. During this book study, we will continue to develop various reading strategies such as questioning, prediction, inference, visualisation and summarising. Our spelling, punctuation and grammar objectives will be taught within the context of the book and we will be focusing on developing our editing skills with written pieces of work.



Other subjects:

P.E. Football and Gymnastics

P.H.R.S.E. Dreams and Goals

R.E Islam and Christianity

Music Recorders tuition (Spring 1) / Charanga - 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley

French Les Animeaux and Carte des Paques

Computing Coding

Additional Information

Weekly Tasks (Homework):

Every Wednesday, your child will be set their homework tasks. The details of the homework will be set on Google classroom.

Your child will be either sent some sheets home or they can access their homework online through Google Classroom. The tasks will be based upon what the children have been learning in class in order to consolidate their new knowledge, skills and understanding. If your child has any difficulties accessing their homework online, please contact us class teacher and alternative arrangements can be discussed.

Reading: Your child read in their weekly Guided Reading session. Please ensure that you **and** your child comment in their reading record on a regular basis. It is also important that your child reads a range of literature (magazines, books or newspapers) for at least **one hour per week** so please encourage them to use both the school library and local library. Please can you make sure your child has their reading book and record in school every day.

<u>Times Tables</u>: Children are encouraged to log on to Times Tables Rock Stars every day. We recommend little and often is the best way to ensure your knowledge is secure. They have a username and password to log onto the website (https://play.ttrockstars.com/) to help them practise at home.

Spellings: All of your child's spellings will be set on Spelling Frame (https://spellingframe.co.uk) every Wednesday and will be tested the following week. We are focusing on our spelling knowledge this half term and to make sure the children are secure at knowing all previously learnt spelling rules and words we will be sending additional activities to help secure their learning.

A few reminders...

PE Kits: Children in LKS2 will have P.E on a Tuesday and Thursday this term. Your child will need to come to school dressed in a school P.E kit on these days. PE kit is: a plain white t-shirt, a school jumper or school purple hoodie, purple shorts or black jogging trousers, and black or white trainers.

<u>Water Bottles and Snacks:</u> Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle with them every day so that they can have a drink during the day. They may also bring a healthy snack such as fruit or vegetables to eat at morning break.

Thank you for all your continued support, LKS2 Team