

Curriculum Information

Willow, Maple & Chestnut Summer Term (1) 2023

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Our topics for this term are:

The Great Outdoors

This includes:

Science – Plants

Children will learn about the different stages of a plants lifecycle and what they need in order to survive. They will describe the lifecycle of both flowering and non-flowering plants, explain how seeds are dispersed as well as explore the process of germination, including the conditions that affect this. Children will learn about different light sources and begin to explore why they are needed in order to see. Through lots of practical investigations, they will look at how light is reflected from different surfaces and also how objects can be classified as transparent, translucent and opaque. Children will learn about the impact of the earth's rotation and how this results in day and night, dawn and dusk as well as the formation and movement of shadows. They will have lots of opportunities for hands on learning both indoors and outdoors!

Geography - Our European Neighbours

Children will use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe studied features. They will talk about landmarks and sites that make countries unique as well as looking at their key features including flags, currency and language. They will understand the differences and similarities between two European capital cities and learn about the human and physical differences of Europe.

Other subjects:

Computing:

Photo Editing

P.E.

Cricket, Striking and Fielding and Swimming

P.H.R.S.E

Relationships

Music

Bringing Us Together (Yr 3) & Blackbird (Yr 4)

M.F.L. (French)

Days of the Week and Months of the Year

R.E.

Islam: The Quran

Art:

Alnwick in Bloom and Artist Study of Georges Seurat

English – Persuasive Writing and Stories Set in Imaginary Worlds.

English involves the development of speaking and listening, drama, reading, comprehension and writing skills. Children will have many opportunities to develop their reading and comprehension skills both in the classroom and during weekly guided reading sessions. They will also be able to apply their skills across other areas of the curriculum during to master their use of the English language.

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 length and perimeter, fractions, mass and capacity (Year 3) and decimals, money and time (Year 4). 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.

Additional Information

Weekly Tasks (Homework):

Every Monday (Willow and Chestnut) and Wednesday (Maple) your child will be set their homework tasks. The details of the homework will always be given in Google Classroom (Chestnut & Maple) or on the Weekly Blog & Homework Class Page (Willow). Your child will be either sent some sheets home or they can access their homework online. 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. Even if homework is sent in paper form, all instructions, hints, tips etc. will be given in Google Classroom or your class page.

Spellings:

Spellings will also be set and tested each Monday. Your child will need to routinely practise their spellings online each week using a website called Spelling Frame ([HYPERLINK](#) "<http://www.spellingframe.co.uk>" www.spellingframe.co.uk). Your child has their username and password to access this site.

Reading:

Guided reading will take place on a **weekly or fortnightly** basis depending on groups and length or type of book being read. Please ensure you read with your child on a regular basis and discuss the reading material as you go. A brief comment about your child's reading is always useful to us and your child can also write their own comments related to characters, setting, interesting or favourite parts of the book or how they feel they are progressing.

As we know, reading is such an important life skill so it's important your child sets some time aside in their day to enjoy reading; whether it be by themselves, with an adult, to a pet or even reading to a favourite cuddly toy!

Times Table:

Children will be tested throughout the week using Times Tables Rockstars. They have a username and password to log onto the website [HYPERLINK](#) "<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>" <https://play.ttrockstars.com/>) to help them practise at home.

In early June, all children in Year 4 will sit the National Multiplication Check. All information can be found on [this link](#).

Additional items in school:

P.E Kits and Swimming:

You will have received a PE letter giving an overview of the PE for this term. Children who are swimming on a Tuesday should come to school in uniform with an appropriate swimming kit. On PE days, children should come to school wearing a school PE kit which is outlined in the letter you have received.

Wellies and outdoor shoes:

Please ensure that your child has a pair of named wellies or outdoor shoes available in school which can be worn for playtime as well as outdoor learning activities.

Final thoughts:

We have an action packed summer term to look forward to with lots of learning, sports activities and events as well as school trips to look forward to. Let's keep our fingers crossed for plenty of dry days and sunshine to help us enjoy what's ahead. If you have any questions or queries, please just get in touch as we are always here to help.

Take care and stay well everyone!

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