

Literacy

During our work this half term, we will be looking at writing newspaper reports and stories set in imaginary worlds. We will be looking at newspaper reports together and identifying the key features including reported and direct speech, snappy headlines and organising our work in paragraphs. We will also be writing short stories set in imaginary worlds. We will focus on settings and descriptive language. Throughout the unit, the children will learn how to plan and edit their work effectively and develop and deepen their grammar skills. They will be given a range of writing challenges, which will allow them to demonstrate their understanding of these skills within a written context.

Topic

Willow will also be learning about Crime and Punishment, where we will be comparing citizenship and the modern British justice system with the period beyond 1066. Through studying this aspect of social history, they will find out about the legacy of the Roman justice system and crime and punishment through the Anglo-Saxon, Tudor and Victorian periods.

R.E

We will be focusing on the religion of Buddhism and discussing what makes us happy and why some people around the world may not always be happy. We will be looking at this religion in relation to what it means to be a Christian.

We will also be reminding ourselves of the Harvest festival and the importance of being appreciative and grateful.

ICT

Throughout this term the children will have the opportunity to use the internet to research areas linked with our topic and enhance their understanding.

Willow Class Learning Map Autumn 2017 Year 4, 5 and 6



AT HOME

Please continue to support your own learning at home. This includes reading, working on your spelling and times tables. In addition to this, weekly home learning will be set which will relate to either Literacy, Maths or our Topic.

Science

For the first half of the term Willow Class will be focusing on Sound. We will be discovering how we hear, how sound travels and why some sounds are louder than others.

Maths

In maths this term we are going to focus on number and place value to ensure we understand the value of each digit. We will also be looking at addition, subtraction, and efficient methods to improve our mental arithmetic skills. Alongside these skills the children will have lots of opportunities to apply this knowledge when problem solving.

Willow Class will also be having weekly times tables tests on Fridays. Please remember to practise these at home.

PHSE

Our focus this half term will be to look at 'Being Me' within the school community and how we can develop a healthy mind.

Art and DT

We will be linking our Art and DT to our Science topic, Sound. We will also be focussing on using different techniques and a range of materials.

PE

Some of our class will be swimming on Monday afternoons. All of Willow Class will have a session with the Go Active team who will be teaching basic skills.