



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School

Willow Class Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

21st February 2022

I trust you have all had a lovely holiday and are ready to start our final spring term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for supporting your child with their homework and helping them to learn their spellings and multiplication and division facts. I am also grateful to those parents who regularly sign their child's diary to show that they have listened to them read and discussed the content of the text with them. This of course significantly advantages your child and will underpin their ability to access the curriculum and further develop their reading and writing skills. As is traditional, I will now provide you with an overview of the topics we will be learning about in the coming term.

Topic

This term we will continue to learn more about the ancient *Greeks* and their influence upon the way in which we live today. We will investigate the impact that they have had upon our alphabet, Maths, the Olympics and theatre while also learning more about the roles of famous ancient Greeks including Plato, Socrates, Archimedes and Alexander the Great.

Reading

Once again, I'd like to remind you how important it is that your child regularly reads at home and is given the opportunity to develop his or her own love of reading. Reading of course underpins all aspects of your child's academic learning, Therefore, with this in mind we want to make sure that the development of your child's fluency, accuracy and comprehension is given priority. It is fundamental that each child has the optimum opportunity to read. I would therefore once more encourage you to remind your child of this and politely request that your child reads to you at least three times per week and that you sign their reading response diaries regularly to confirm that this is happening.

PE

This term's PE lessons will continue to take place on Tuesdays and Fridays, although there may be other times during the week when children require their kit in school, so please do ensure that your child's PE kit is in school at all times. Also, if your child has pierced ears could you please make sure that their earrings are removed on days when PE takes place.

Homework

Each week, the children will continue to receive a piece of English and Maths homework accompanied by spellings and where necessary number facts to learn. Homework will be handed out on a Friday and is expected to be returned by the following Wednesday when children will also be tested on their spellings and number facts.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to come in and see me.

Many thanks,

Alice Edwards

Curriculum

Please refer to the following grid to see what the children in Years Six will be learning over the course of this term.

English	This term we are going to read the text 'Who Let the Gods out' by Maz Evans. We will use this text to further develop our comprehension skills and to provide contexts for our writing. We will continue to develop our knowledge and understanding of spelling, punctuation and grammar to improve the style and quality of our writing.
Maths	We will continue using an investigative approach to maths, where the children will use the mathematical skills they have already learnt and the topic to provide contextual opportunities to develop a more in depth understanding of units of measure, geometry, co-ordinates and statistics.
Science	For this term's science topic we are going to be exploring Living things and their habitat. We will be looking at how scientists use classification of animals. We will also be comparing the differences between the lifecycles of different animals.
History	We will be learning about the Ancient Greeks and their key beliefs about religion and philosophy and how these ideas influence the way in which we live today.
Computing	This term the children will continue to develop their understanding of data-bases by searching for information, contributing to a class data-base and creating data-bases of their own on a topic of their choice.
RE	This term we are building on our learning about the incarnation and discovering more about Jesus' resurrection from the dead and how this core Christian belief impacts the lives of famous Christians such as CS Lewis and Desmond Tutu. We will consider how the Christian belief about life after death impacts the lives of believers and what the Bible tells us about this.
PE	This term the children will be learning net multi-skills and outdoor orienteering.
Art	This term we will be looking at Greek mosaics and using these works to inspire Willow Class to make their own.
French	This term the children will learn to discuss forms of transport using the French language. They will ask and talk about where they are going and how they will get there. They will talk about plans for a trip and learn how to buy tickets at a French train station.
PSHE	This term the children in Willow Class will learn how babies are conceived and born, including sexual reproduction and sexual intercourse. They will learn to recognise their changing emotions with friends and family and be able to express their feelings and concerns positively. They will learn that they have some responsibility for the feelings and wellbeing of others and develop an awareness that there should be stable, caring relationships in a family to ensure children are cared for securely.