

Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome back to school Year 5. We are so excited to see you all again and we can't wait to start settling back into routines and starting our exciting learning journey. We ask you to check the school newsletter each Friday to be aware of updated events and news. We have some exciting learning to share with you this term.

English

This term we are studying our new book 'How to Train Your Dragon'. Inspired by the book, children will design and create their own dragon. They will write instructions and descriptions amongst other tasks.

At The Willows we value reading highly. We ask that children read at least 5 times per week to an adult. They are likely choosing books independently within school to bring home. Please ask them questions about their books to encourage their higher level thinking. Children can quiz on school or home books once completed.

A new 'Willows 100 reads' is available on our website which maps out which books are ideal for each year group.

Key dates

28th Sept – Flu immunisations

Monday 17th October - 5PB showcase 2.20pm

Thursday 20th October – 5AJ showcase 2.20pm

Friday 21st October – 5LT showcase 2.20pm

Friday 21st October – Half term

Monday 31st October – INSET day

Monday 7th November – Y5 visit Conover Hall

Thursday 24th November - photos (individuals/siblings/families)

Maths

This term our learning will include: place value (understanding the value of any digit in a number up to at least one million); four written operations (+ - X ÷); number patterns (e.g. what number would come next in this sequence; 3,7,11 ...?); rounding whole numbers and decimals (e.g. round 8.6 to the nearest whole number).

Knowledge of times tables forms a crucial foundation for most Maths concepts in Year 5. If your child has not yet mastered the quick recall of times tables, there are several online games and apps which provide a fun way to support at home such as TTRockstars and Hit the Button: (<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths=games/hit-the-button>).

Explore, Dream, Discover Curriculum

Our curriculum work this term is based around the book, 'How to Train Your Dragon'. Thank you to those who have purchased a copy of the book. If you would like your child to have their own personal copy, you can find copies on Amazon.co.uk.

In Science the children will be learning about life cycles of animals and plants. We will be considering the differences between them.

In History, we will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We will look at their reasons for invading and settling in Britain.

Art and Design Technology will continue to develop drawing, painting, textiles and sculpturing skills.

Homework

Homework will be given out on a weekly basis – it will be sent via **Dojo** (Seesaw is no longer in use) on a Wednesday to be completed by the following Monday. Homework this academic year has changed slightly.

Each week we will be asking the children to;

Practise their spellings ready for their end of week tests

Practise their timestables in a book which will be sent home each week

Read 5 times per week. Teachers will be monitoring how often children are quizzing and how successful they are being, as well as keeping a record of books being read and returned.

PE

This term PE will include a focus on fitness, The Willows Mile, tag rugby and indoor athletics. We will be encouraging students to make goals based on their ability and charting their progress. Remember that children are now asked to come to school wearing their PE kit on **Mondays** and they will remain in their kit throughout the day.

Home School Agreement

If you haven't already returned your signed Home School Agreement to us, please could you either email it or send it in over the next couple of weeks. Thank you

Thank you for all the support that you give your child in their learning. Please use dojo as your primary means of communicating with teachers.

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