



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 learning journey. We ask you to check the main 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 'Brightstorm'. Inspired by the book, children will take part in an abundance of writing and creative tasks to get into the minds and stories of the characters. 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

27th Sept – Flu immunisations

Monday 16th October – 5PB/Portmeirion showcase 2.20pm

Thursday 19th October – 5HD/5 Spode showcase 2.20pm

Friday 20th October – 5JD/Emma Bridgewater showcase 2.20pm

Thursday 26th October – Parents' evening

Friday 27th October – INSET day

Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November – Half term

Monday 6th – 8th November – Y5 visit Conover Hall residential

Monday 27th November - Individual and sibling photos

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, Brightstorm. 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 the different types of materials and the uses that they have. We will be considering the differences between them.

In History, we will be learning about the Anglo Saxons, and Geography map work.

Homework

Homework will be given out on a weekly basis – this will either be in a times table book or in a blue Maths book. If your child has a blue book, the calculations will be posted on Dojo each Wednesday. If working in a times table book the chosen times table for that week will be written in the booklet (at the top of the page) before the children come home. Homework will come home on a Wednesday to be completed by the following Monday.

Each week we will be asking the children to:

Practise their spellings ready for their end of week tests

Practise their times tables in a book sent home (Wed-Mon)

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 **Tuesdays and Thursdays** and they will remain in their kit throughout the day.

'How your child is getting home' letter

If you haven't already signed and returned this letter, please could you send it in as soon as possible, so that we can follow your instructions on how you would like your child to get home. Thank you in advance.

Thank you for all the support that you give your child in their learning.

If you wish to contact your class teacher, please use ClassDojo as this is now our main communication link.

**Mrs Bridgett, Mrs Price, Mrs Hall, Mrs Durkin
and Miss Davies**