**Willow Autumn Term 1**

PE

During PE this term Willow will be focusing on the principles of balance in gymnastics and using the theme of ‘Cold Places’ in dance. In our outdoor games sessions, we will be focusing on invasion games, with balls on the ground as well as a focus on net games.

Maths

This term in maths the children will be continuing with their CLIC (Counting, Learn-Its, It’s nothing new & Calculation) progression. This will be tested on a weekly basis each Friday with our CLIC Challenges, Beat That and SAFE tests. We will have a big focus in learning all our time tables to 12 and how to use this knowledge in other areas.

We will continue looking at and applying our skills into outer numeracy. This will involve a focus on different types of measuring, shape, fractions, time and money.

What to do at home

* Please make sure you are reading with your child daily.
* Practice their maths Learn Its.
* Practice their spellings.
* Preparing them for big write by talking through with them what they are going to write.

English

Reading: This term the children will be completing a big read lesson every Monday and they will have reading Spies Team time daily. Each week your child will read to the teacher in the class, on their reading day please make sure their yellow reading record is in school for the teacher to read and sign. There will be a focus on developing their comprehension and inference skills this term.

Writing: The English lessons will use our term’s theme of Romans as an influence. Across this half term the class will be looking at and writing, newspaper reports, stories with particular settings and poetic language. Every Friday the children will complete a big write and the talk homework for this will be sent out on a Thursday

Also as part of the English curriculum Willow, will have daily handwriting practice, daily grammar sessions and follow a spelling curriculum. As part of the spelling curriculum, there will be spelling sent home weekly for you to practice.

Spanish

Willow are continuing to learn Spanish this year. This term they will be learning how to introduce themselves to others including their name age and nationality.

Enabling Enterprise

The enabling enterprise project for this term is brilliant books. Willow class will be taking on the task of promoting reading across the school.

RE

In RE this term our focus religion is Judaism. The key question is; How special is the relationship Jews have with God?

Computing

In computing this year the children will be using a resource call Purple Mash. It is similar to Stars, so the children each have their own logins but with Purple Mash there is far more resources and learning software for the class to use. The children’s individual logins will be sent home soon.

This term we will be looking at e-safety and reminding ourselves how to stay safe online and then we will be looking at developing our coding skills.

Theme

This term Willow’s topic is Gods and Gladiators. There are three big questions they will be answering as part of their theme lessons:

History: What would Britain have been like without the Romans?

Science: Which instrument would be best for Boudicca to use in War?

Art: Could mosaics be made from wood?