



# Overstone School

## Curriculum Newsletter



### Year 6 Willow Class Spring Term 2023

Welcome to the Spring Term. Seems really weird saying this when we are literally only in January. We hope you had a wonderful festive break and managed to get time to spend it with family and friends. This term is exciting with plenty of new topics and themes to explore.

Homework will continue to comprise of Maths, Reading, Spelling and one other piece to reflect learning that is happening within the classroom. It is imperative that children get into the habit of completing this work and handing it in on time in readiness for Secondary School.

Please feel free to message us both on Class Dojo – we regularly look at this during the day. For anything urgent then please contact the school office.

Please remember that SATS week is 9-12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Best Wishes Mrs Clarke and Mrs Dye

### ENGLISH

During this term in English the children will be studying the text **Shackleton's Journey** by William Grill and will learn:

- to plan and write a narrative.
- to plan and write a magazine article.
- how to explore language and text features in a text.
- how to respond to questions from a text.

We will review all the Common Exceptions Words from Years 1 -6 ensuring the children know how to read and spell them.

Continue to review Spelling patterns learnt from Years 1-6 and look at Year 6 SPAG.

We will also promote a **love for reading** ensuring the children are given opportunity to read independently as well as in our Guided Reading sessions.

### MATHS

In our Maths lessons we will be ensuring the children are **fluent** in their basic operations and then using and applying these to solve **Reasoning and Problem-Solving Maths questions**.

Children will be practising their Times Tables on a daily basis to ensure they are **fluent** in all their tables up to 12 x 12.

**Fluency** in Maths is about developing number sense and being able to use the most appropriate method for the task at hand; to be able to apply a skill to multiple contexts.

We will also be looking at:-

- Multiplying and Dividing Fractions.
- Ratio
- Algebra
- Decimals & Percentages
- Area, Perimeter and Volume
- Statistics

### SCIENCE

For the first half of the term the children will be learning about 'The Art of Being Human' looking at blood composition and function. They will also explore the heart, circulatory system, nutrients and having a healthy body. I have arranged for us to utilise the skills and equipment of the Science Department at Cottesloe for some of these lessons showing the children what it is like working in a real science laboratory.

In the second half of the term we will go on to learn more about light and shadow.

We will:

- Carry out experiments.
- Learn how to write up a Science experiment.
- Look at recording findings using graphs.

## RE and PSHE

In RE we will be looking at whether clothes people wear express beliefs and make them feel part of a community. We will also look into resurrection and reincarnation.

In PSHE we will be looking at how media influences people and what is appropriate to put onto social media. We will also look at how reliable sources are and how to report anything.

## FRENCH

This term we will be learning about the different parts of a house and people who live there. We will then consider planning a holiday both in other countries and in France.

## PE

PE will be on a Monday and Thursday. PLEASE ensure all items are named and in a named drawstring bag. As far as possible PE will be outside, so please ensure they have warmer PE kit as the weather is very changeable. Willow Class Year 6 will be allowed to wear their 'Leavers Hoodies' for PE.

## COMPUTING

We will review Online Safety as we do at the beginning of each term using our School Mascot Blippi to help. We will then look at spreadsheets, formulas and the presentation of this. We will also look at how to create a web page and the importance of what to include.

## ART and DT

In Art we will look at the Pop Art movement focussing on the artists Andy Warhol.

In DT we will learn how to budget and plan food/meals. We will look at packaging and design our own around making spring rolls.

## EQUIPMENT

Your child will need:

- clear named drinks bottle filled with water.
- a pencil case to include a:  
30cm ruler,  
2 named writing pencils,  
rubber,  
glue stick,  
sharpener  
packet of colouring pencils.
- A waterproof coat
- A PE Kit
- Forest School Kit

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday	Homework handed in. PE - children need PE kit in school
Tuesday	Spelling test
Wednesday	Homework given out.
Thursday	Forest School Hedgehogs and PE Squirrels
Friday	Awards Assembly

## MOBILE PHONES

May we remind you that whilst mobile phones are not allowed in school, we do appreciate children in Year 6 may need them if they walk home from school. This being the case, they should be handed into either Mrs Clarke or Mrs Dye on entering school where they will be kept securely until the end of the day. They CANNOT be used whilst in school under any circumstances This is for their own safety.

## HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

In History we will learn about medical practices of prehistoric civilisations ranging from: Ancient Egyptians, Greeks, Tudors, Victorians and to modern day medicines.

In Geography the children will learn about economic activity including trade links. Understand how a supply link works and investigate the highest value exports of different countries. We will also look at how Imports and Exports effect a countries economic welfare.