



Overstone School

Curriculum Newsletter



Year 6 Willow Class Summer Term 2023

Welcome to the Summer Term and the last year of primary school for your child. It seems like only yesterday that I was welcoming you to Year 6. We hope you are ready for the rollercoaster of a ride this term as it is action packed. As with every term it will be exciting with plenty of new topics and themes to explore, as well as preparing the children for their next chapter – Secondary School

Please look out for regular reminders on Dojo or Parent Mail for all the things going on this term as it is jam packed.

Please remember that SATS week is 9-12th May 2023

School Residential to Hudnall Park is 21-22nd June 2023

School Trip to London is 26th June 2023

Best wishes, Mrs Clarke and Mrs Dye

ENGLISH

During this term in English the children will be studying the text **Rose Blanche and Anne Frank** in Summer 1 and in Summer 2 **Hansel and Gretel**. They will learn:

- to plan and write a diary
- to plan and write a speech
- to plan and write a narrative
- to plan and write a persuasive letter
- how to explore language and text features in a text.
- how to respond to questions from a text.

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:

- Statistics
- Shape
- Project based maths

SCIENCE

For the first half of the term the children will be learning about 'Inheritance and Evolution'.

In the second half of the term we will go on to learn more about the Science of Sport.

We will:

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

We will also finish off our unit on light, and dissect some animal eyes.

RE and PSHE

In RE we will be looking whether we can know what God is like and whether it matters what we believe about creation.

In PSHE we will look at changes that occur as we mature and grow up. We will cover sex education in terms of how babies are conceived, born and cared for. There will also be a lot of support for transition into Secondary School.

FRENCH

This term we will recap all our learning from previous topics.

- Greetings
- Food
- Weather
- Family
- Numbers
- Days of the week

PE

PE will be on a Monday and Thursday. PLEASE ensure all items are named and in a named drawstring bag. We will be focusing on athletics and rounders.

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 programming and making a game, including a step counter.

ART and DT

In Art we will be making something to leave as a memory of the year group for school.

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

GETTING READY MOVING ON UP

During the second half of the term, the children will be given the chance to experience life as a secondary school child... this will include them keeping their bag with them all day and appreciating the need to remember everything and not leave anything behind.

We will be rehearsing for our end of year production and assembly together with raising funds for the Year 6 Leavers Party.

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 WW2: The Battle of Britain, Churchill, Anne Frank, VE Day, Mend and Make Do and also have historians come and talk to the children about the war.

In Geography the children will build on their knowledge from the previous term of import and exports and look at Fair Trade. We will also look at what 'Fast Fashion' is and hopefully put on a fashion show based on recycled items made into clothing. Details to follow in due course.