



Willow Class Weekly Newsletter

Week beginning: Monday 22nd January 2018

Dear Parents,

Here is an overview for this week.

English Activities

Genre –Non Fiction: Recount

This week we will be continuing to explore the novel, Swallows and Amazons by Arthur Ransome where the children will be continuing to explore the characters that have now landed on the island and set up camp. This week the children will be exploring the perspectives of the characters and writing a diary entry in role as one of the characters. In our grammar starters this week we will be looking at direct and reported speech and applying our grammar techniques.

Maths Activities

Topic –Place Value- Roman Numerals and Time

This week we will be continuing to recap our place value knowledge to explore how to convert and understand Roman numerals and solve a range of problems involving our place value knowledge. Towards the end of the week we will be revisiting how to tell the time and convert time between 12hr and 24hr.

Art

Context- Drawing and Sketching

This week we will be starting our drawing unit to look at develop observational skills to draw and explore making portraits where the children will be introduced to the artist Ed Fairburn who creates still life portraits on maps.

Topic- A Special Visitor

This week the children will be visited by a Street Pastor who will share some information about life in Winchester and how people can be supported by this fantastic resource linking to our concept of belonging and where people decide to settle.

Times tables: Please can the children revise their individual times tables for a test on Friday so that the children can work through various times table challenges. Times tables games can be used at any time.

Spellings:

Spellings this week will be where the ending of words sounds like /jən/, it is spelt **-tion**. Rule **-tion** is used if the root word ends in **t** or **te**. A list of spellings or spelling activity will be given to the children every **Thursday** and there will be a spelling test each Thursday following, to consolidate the learning that has taken place that week. The lists and activities will be based on ones provided by the National Curriculum and will follow the spelling pattern for that particular week.

Home Learning: Science – The Solar System

This week, the children need to continue their research project about space, where they need to collect and present their information appropriately ready to hand in next week: **Wednesday 31st January**.

Home Learning is also to be completed in the children's Home Learning books and will be given out alongside their spellings, reading practise and their individual times tables.

Please can the children practise reading aloud each day for 10-15mins or ask them questions about what they are reading at the moment and what is happening to characters or what may happen to them.

Please encourage the children to come and see me as soon as possible if they do not understand their home learning activities so that they have enough time to complete the activities at home. Also, if you have any difficulties accessing MyMaths please come and see me (flash player will be required to access some of the features).

Many thanks,
Mrs Wright