



**Willow Class Weekly Newsletter**

Week beginning: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear Parents,

Here is an overview for this week.

**English Activities**

Genre –Non Fiction: Journalistic writing/ Narrative- Monologue

This week we will be completing and editing their newspaper articles. Linked to our fantastic Young Shakespeare visit on Thursday, the children will be studying the story and main characters in the Tempest to write their own monologues from one of their viewpoints. In grammar this week, we will be exploring authorial intent and viewpoint as well as how to use flashbacks in a piece of writing.

**Maths Activities**

Topic –Problem Solving

This week we will be revisit our formal multiplication methods and Y4 will be revisiting the concept of Area while Y5 look once again at factors and primes as well as square numbers.

**Art**

Context- Drawing and Sketching

This week we will be finishing our final portraits, inspired by Ed Fairburn and our evaluations our final outcomes.

**Topic**

This week we will be starting to look at and develop ideas for a questionnaires to collect information about an area e.g. to look at the impact of tourism on visitors and industries in a town/city.

**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 through MyMaths or Rockstars.

**Spellings:**

Spellings this week will be exploring the rules for adding the suffix –ly to root words alongside words from the National Curriculum wordlists. These spellings will be set on Thursday but will be tested on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

**Home Learning Project: Write a story**

This week, using their story maps developing with Ann Wan last week, the children will be asked to write their story or adapt their story plan to write and present their story in their chosen format. As we will be heading out on residential the following week when the home-learning would be usually handed in, the children may hand this piece of home learning in Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April (after the Easter Break).

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.

I hope the children are also enjoying their Rockstars times table challenges and are developing their rock star status!

Many thanks,

Mrs Wright