



Thorndon C of E Primary School

Willow Class Newsletter

Welcome to Summer Term



I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. We are excited to welcome you all back to Thorndon for an exciting new term in Willow Class. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries as the term goes on. Please find below the information about our learning this term in Willow class. Lots of lovely trips this term. Mrs Walls

"READING IS A PASSPORT TO COUNTLESS ADVENTURES"



Reading

It is expected that all children in Willow class read **EVERY** school night for 20 – 30 mins.

Please record each evening what they have read in their diaries. The children have got 3 reading books in their bags:

- a book from the reading scheme
- a library book and
- a reading spine book from our classroom.



Our book for this term is 'Who let the gods out' by . The children will answer comprehension questions about this book each session and it will also be used to influence their writing.

History – Groundbreaking Greeks



This project teaches children about developments and changes over six periods of ancient Greek history, focusing on the city state of Athens in the Classical age, and exploring the lasting legacy of ancient Greece.



Maths

In Maths, our lessons will be on these topics -

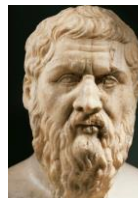
- Shape
- Position and direction
- Statistics
- Converting units
- Algebra



TT Rockstars is a compulsory home activity that Willow children are required to complete at least 3 times a week at home. Ensuring your child has regular practice, will make a huge difference to the children's calculating speed, confidence and ability.

Literacy

Biography – Greek figure



Plato

This term we will be constructing a piece of writing linked with our work on Greek History.

Choosing an influential Greek figure and researching and writing a biography about that Greek person and their achievements.

This will be written in chronological order.

Science This term our Science topic is:



Yr 5 Properties and Changes in Materials

This project teaches children about the wider properties of materials and their uses. They learn about mixtures and how they can be separated using sieving, filtration and evaporation. They study reversible and irreversible changes and use common indicators to identify irreversible changes.

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PE

PE will continue to be on a **Friday** morning, please come into school dressed ready for PE on this day. This will be followed by forest school in the afternoon for the first four weeks of this term.



RE Christianity

What is the great significance of the Eucharist for Christians?



- What does Eucharist mean?
- The last supper
- The central act of worship.
- Proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes...
- Pilgrimage and sacred place
- The Eucharist and the arts.



Buddhism

How did Buddha teach his followers to find enlightenment?

- What is enlightenment?
- The Buddha
- Asceticism
- Enlightenment
- Becoming a Buddha
- Buddhas teachings

Computing



2Design and Make

3D modelling

To design a 3D model to fit a certain criteria.



Crumble Kit

To program a crumble kit to create a fairground ride.

What a fantastic term ahead!

Art/Design Technology

Architecture



This project teaches children about how architectural style and technology has developed over time and then use this knowledge to design a building with specific features.

Mixed Media



This project teaches children about paper crafts, papermaking and collage techniques, including paper, fabric, mixed media and photo collage. They use their learning to create a final piece of small-scale, mixed media collage.



Expressionism

This project teaches children about the Expressionist art movement and the 'Father of Expressionism', Edvard Munch. They explore different ways to portray feelings and emotions in art to create an imaginative self-portrait

Rehearsal Club



This year our end of year production will be Matilda. Mrs D'souza and I will be conducting rehearsals after school on a Monday evening for this term.

Music



Baroque

Exploring the music and composers of the baroque period



Leavers Song

Children create their own leaving service song

PSHE

Relationships

- Recognising Me
- Safety with Online Communities
- Being in an Online Community
- Online Gaming
- My Relationship with Technology: screen time
- Relationships and Technology.

Changing me

- Self and Body Image
- Puberty for Girls
- Puberty for boys
- Conception
- Looking Ahead

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