



Year 5 Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome back to Spring Term Year 5. The year is flying by already! We will be settling back into routines and continuing our wonderful learning journey together. We ask you to check the main school newsletter each Friday to be aware of updated events and news, but we already have exciting learning to share with you this term.

English

This term we are studying our new book 'The Boy in the Tower'. Inspired by the book, children will take part in an abundance of writing and creative tasks to get into the minds and stories of the characters. We would highly recommend that pupils have their own copy of this book. If you would like your child to have their own personal copy, you can find copies on Amazon.co.uk.

At The Willows we value reading highly. We ask that children read at least 5 times per week. They are likely choosing books independently within school to bring home. Please ask them questions about their books to encourage their higher level thinking. Children can quiz on school or home books once completed.

Key dates

Thursday 18th January – Space Camp

Wednesday 7th Feb – Science Fair

Friday 1st March Fitness Friday

Thursday 7th March World Book Day

Wednesday 13th March – Friday 15th

March – BIKEABILITY training

Monday 20th March Parent Consultations

Maths

This term our learning will include: fractions, decimals and percentages.

Measurement: Finding perimeter of rectangles and polygons. Finding area of rectangles and compound shapes.

Statistics including drawing line graphs; reading and interpreting line graphs.

Knowledge of times tables forms a crucial foundation for most Maths concepts in Year 5. If your child has not yet mastered the quick recall of times tables, there are several online games and apps which provide a fun way to support at home such as TTRockstars and Hit the Button: (<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths=games/hit-the-button>).

Explore, Dream, Discover Curriculum

In **Science** the children will be learning about Space: describing the movement of the Earth (and other planets) relative to the Sun in the solar system. Using the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night.

In **History**, we will be learning about the Vikings, and **Geography** pupils will be understanding and using ordnance survey maps including being able to use four and six figure grid references.

In **Design Technology** we will be studying mechanisms: exploring pulleys and gears and their applications.

Homework

Homework will be given out on a weekly basis – this will either be in a times table book or in a blue Maths book. If your child has a blue book, the calculations will be posted on Dojo each Wednesday. If working in a times table book the chosen times table for that week will be written in the booklet (at the top of the page) before the children come home. Homework will come home on a Wednesday to be completed by the following Monday.

Each week we will be asking the children to:

Practise their spellings ready for end of week tests

Practise their times tables in a book sent home (Wed-Mon)

Read 5 times per week. Teachers will be monitoring how often children are quizzing and how successful they are being, as well as keeping a record of books being read and returned.

PE

This term PE has swapped from Tuesday to Monday afternoons, so pupils should come to school wearing their PE kit on **Mondays and Thursdays** and they will remain in their kit throughout the day.

This term's PE lessons will focus on Gymnastics and High Five Netball.

Thank you for all the support that you give your child in their learning.

If you wish to contact your class teacher, please use ClassDojo as this is now our main communication link.

**Mrs Bridgett, Mrs Price,
Mrs Hall, Mrs Durkin
and Mrs Davies**