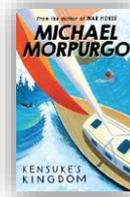




Willow Class Term 3 Newsletter Awesome Authors



Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and that the children are excited for another term of learning! This term, our topic is called 'Awesome Authors' and we will be reading a variety of books from different authors to widen our understanding of an author's voice and experience different vocabulary. We will be off on an adventure with Michael Morpurgo to 'Kensuke's Kingdom'; immersing ourselves in the magical world of Narnia with the help of C S Lewis and bringing the term to an exciting and funny end with David Walliams' characters in 'The Midnight Gang'!

Reading	Please read with your child at least three times a week at home and ensure that their reading record is signed and dated. A member of staff will be checking reading diaries on a Thursday.
Spellings	Spelling tests are every Monday and your child will be tested on the spelling pattern they have learnt about that week. New spellings will be sent out every Monday, please ensure your child has their spelling book in school every Monday.
Maths	Maths homework will be set on a Tuesday and will be expected to have been completed by the following Tuesday. Maths homework will be set on 'MyMaths' and the children have their logins stuck in the front of their Reading Records. If your child finds the task tricky, there is a revision lesson that they can use first. Parents are encouraged to sit with their child during homework to support.
Times Tables	Children will learn their tables and practise these in school at least twice a week. Each child has a Times Table Rockstars login and should be practising their tables (either on this website or in another way) three times a week at home.
Grammar	Grammar homework will be sent home on a Monday and your child will have two weeks to complete this, due in on the Monday. The homework will be based on the grammar they will be learning within their literacy lessons. To help with our in-class assessments, please indicate when you have helped your child.

Reminders – Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water; ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat for any wet weather. Our PE day is **Friday**; please ensure your child's kit is always in school in case of extra sessions or for a change of clothes. This term, the children will also need their swimming kit in school every **Tuesday**.

Many thanks for your support,

Mrs. O'Grady, Mrs. Winchester and Mrs. Champion

Useful Websites:

www.michaelmorpurgo.com

www.worldofdavidwalliams.com

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpdt/bk/articles/zrxxqwx

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zj44/jxs

www.purplemash.co.uk

www.ttrockstars.com

Questions you could ask your child about their learning this term?

- Who is the author you are learning about now?
- Who is your favourite author and why?
- Which symbols for electricity do you know?
- What has been your favourite part of the book you are reading at the moment?
- What have you learnt about Islam so far this term?
- How do you read a map and grid references?

Dream Big READ!



Awesome Authors Learning Map



