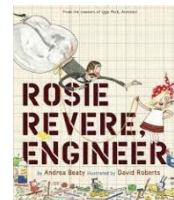


Willow Class' Term 1 Newsletter

Is change good?



Dear Willow Class families,

What a wonderful year of learning and fun we had last year! We hope you had a great summer holiday and a well-rested break ready for a new academic year. In September, our topic is '**Energising Engineers and Incredible Inventions**'. As well as learning about famous engineers and inventors, the children will be immersed in understanding what it takes to become an inventor/engineer. 'Rosie Revere Engineer' by Andrea Beaty will be one of our class texts.

Homework

Reading	Please read with your child at least three times each week and ensure your BoomReader account is updated to show this. We will be checking this weekly. Lexia is also continuing and we appreciate your support with this. We will provide children time to complete this in school but they are, of course, welcome to log in at home.
Maths and Grammar	Maths and Grammar homework are set using CGP books. We will send these out soon with a letter explaining how it will work for this year. As a general guide, we will send homework books home on a Monday and the children will have two weeks to complete it and return the books two weeks later (or before if it is completed early).
Times Tables	By the end of Year 4, the National Curriculum states that all children should know their times tables up to 12x12, including the inverse calculations. We would greatly value your help with teaching the children these as the best way to learn these is repetition, repetition, repetition! It is such a key part of maths and makes such a difference in Year 5 and 6 if the children are fluent in their multiplication facts. Each child will have a Timestable Rockstars login to use at school and at home and we will be doing the '99 club' in school. Please aim to practice times tables at least 3 times weekly at home. A few daily 'quick fire' questions whilst travelling to school can make a huge difference!
Spellings	This term we will be revisiting common exception words and some of the Year 2 spelling patterns to ensure these are fully embedded.

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

- What is engineering?
- Can you name a famous engineer? What did they design?
- If you could build a house out of any material what would it be and why?
- If you had all the Lego in the world and the time to build, what would you build?
- What do Christians believe about Creation?

Key Topic Vocabulary

Inventor Invention Innovation Wired
Creativity Ideas Perseverance Adapt
Problem Solve Global Prize Patent

Useful Websites:

www.stem.org.uk
www.primaryengineer.com
www.theschoolrun.com
www.thestemhub.org.uk

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 days are Mondays and Fridays.** On these days, the children should come dressed in their PE kit to school.

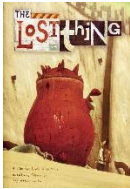
Please do not hesitate to speak to either of us if you have any questions. We are looking forward to a great year!

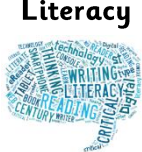
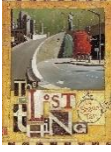
Many thanks for your support,

Mrs Bastin and Mrs Healy

Term 1 learning map

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Science 	How do magnets work? 													
Art and DT 	How have inventors solved everyday problems? Design and make an invention of your own 													
History 		Inventors and inventions through time – is change good? 												
/Geography 	What am I discovering about myself and my relationships?   													
PSHE 	Networks  													
Computing 	What do Christians learn from the creation story?   													
RE 	Introducing my family  													
French 	Inventing and creating our own Samba instruments  													
Music 	Tag Rugby  													
PE 														