Willow Class' Term 2 Newsletter
Is change good?





Dear Willow Class families,

Thank you all for a great start to this academic year. Everyone really enjoyed learning about inventions and inventors, old and new, and doing lots of practical work too! This term we will be continuing our work on change but looking at it from a geographical point of view, exploring the local area, looking at the changes that have happened over time and what impact they have had. We will be using multiple texts including the 'Just So Stories' by Rudyard Kipling and 'Song of the Dolphin Boy' by Elizabeth Laird to deepen our learning in English. It is also the term of Christmas (dare we say it!) so we will have lots of Christmas themed learning, and fun, towards the end of term!

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. The fortnightly page numbers are stuck into the front of the books and also available on the website. They are due in alternate Mondays and will be sent home again the same day.
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 has 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 there in our local area that is important?
- What changes have happened in local area over time?
- Can you find our local area and important sites on a map?
- Can you create a map of our local area?

Key Topic Vocabulary	**Useful Websites:**
Local area town village county school compass map locate route ariel view train station library	Google.co.uk/maps https://www.visitengland.com/things-to-do/east-sussex https://sussexpast.co.uk/historic-sites/

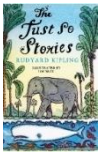
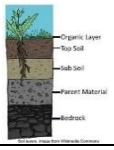
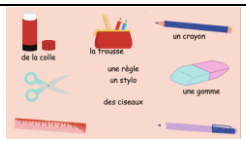
Reminders – Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water; ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat for any wet weather. **Our PE days are Mondays and Fridays**. On these days, the children should come dressed in their PE kit to school.

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 2 learning map

Literacy 	 **Poetry / narrative**		
Maths 	**Measurement** 	**Multiplication and division** 	**Addition and subtraction** 
Science 	 **Rocks and soils: What is under our feet?**		
Art and DT 	 **Printing: what techniques can I use?**		
History  **Geography**	 **How has our local area been impacted by change?**		
PSHE 	**Celebrating Difference**		
Computing 	 **Networks**		
RE 	**What is it like for someone to follow God?**		
French 	 **Our school**		
Music 	**Jungle book/ Christmas songs**		
PE 	 **Gymnastics**		