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Willow Class Curriculum Letter – Summer 1

Dear parents,

We hope you have had a lovely Easter break and are ready for another busy term in year 4!

English

In English this term, our writing and reading activities will be link to fiction and non fiction texts on Victorians. We will focus on Charles Dickens and in particular, his book Oliver Twist. We will also look at the changes during the Industrial Revolution and what life was like for Victorian children, through a range of other texts.

Our class author this term is Jacqueline Wilson and we will focus on her book about a Victorian maid, Hettie Feather.

Maths

In Maths this term, we will continue to work on developing our understanding of fractions greater than one. We will also then move on to some work on decimals and equivalent fractions and decimals.

This half term we will also be doing a big times table push in order to prepare the children for the government multiplication check in early June. All children are being encouraged to practise for a small amount of time each day both in school and at home. If you would like any additional resources, please let me know via the mailbox or at pick up time. Below is a link to a resource which is very similar to the government check.

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

Art

This half term our art unit is titled 'William Morris'. The children will find out who William Morris was, explore the Arts and Crafts Movement through practical activities, complete some still-life sketches of the objects that provided the inspiration for Morris's designs, explore printing and much more!

History

This half term the children will be learning all about the Victorian period, in this unit we aim to give an overview of the Victorian period in Britain and to highlight some of the major changes during this period.

We are also planning a Victorian Day, where the children will travel back in time to experience what life was like for children in Victorian Times. This is provisionally booked in for the week of Monday 20th May – more details to follow. And we would like the children to come to school dressed up as Victorian Children for the day. **So here is a bit of an advance notice to organise a costume**, such as a long skirt and a shawl/ cut off trousers or shorts, dirty face and a waistcoat etc

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French

In French, we are learning conversational skills about money, shopping and the seasons.

Computing

In computing we are looking at to develop our programming skills further with a unit on computational thinking.

RHSE

As a school, we use KAPOW as the main curriculum resource for our PSHE and RHSE teaching. This half term, the class will be learning about citizenship.

PE

In PE our focus is on further developing ball skills in cricket and tennis.

This half term PE days have not changed. Like last half term, Willow Class will have PE on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** but can you please ensure the children have PE kit in school every day, just in case of emergencies.

Home Learning

Daily reading and times tables practice is a must. All children should be practising the rapid recall – within 5 seconds - of all their known time tables facts up to 12 x 12. Please support your child in this task to practice this rapid recall, to ensure they pass the Year 4 Times Table Test.

As well as this, your child will need to learn all the Year 3 / 4 spellings on the word list, which will be sent out later next week with some ideas for practicing.

Reminders

- Please ensure your child brings their library books to school every day so that they can read their book with a school adult or when they have other opportunities to read throughout the day.
- Please ensure your child brings a warm coat with a hood into school each day.
- Please ensure your child brings a drink into school each day in a named bottle.
- Please do let me know, via email or in person, if you have not got access to Tapestry. I often post updates about the children's learning and can send you an email to reset your password if you do not have access.

We are really looking forward to a busy and fun filled half term. Please do not hesitate to contact the Willow mailbox if you have any questions or queries and I will get back to you as soon as I can: **willow@neroche.bep.ac**

Many thanks for your continued support,

Ms Kim Beer

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