



Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

Willows, Nettleton

Spring 2024



Our Theme: Where in the UK would you like to live?

Our School Values:

Caring, Commitment to Achieve, Co-operation,
Independence, Happiness, Respect



Happy New Year! Welcome back to the Spring term. We are all looking forward to working together on lots of exciting topics.

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Our theme is 'Where in the UK would you like to live?'

On our WOW Day we will be doing a variety of activities, including making Union flags and creating a huge floor map of Nettleton and Caistor.

For our Exit Day we will be creating and playing a Geography game based on the Great Game of Britain board game.

English

In English, we are learning how to develop creative writing skills in narrative writing and poetry, as well as looking at playscripts. We will also be exploring the features of persuasive texts, as well as promoting grammar, spelling and punctuation during every lesson.

Skills of composition, grammar and punctuation are learnt and knowledge of genres and audience and purpose will be known.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we are continue to learn about the skills involved in calculating using the four operations, especially in division. We will also work through activities in fractions, time, length and perimeter as well as combining these skills in real-life and word problems. Times tables will be practised on a daily basis, in preparation for the Government's Year 4 Multiplication Facts Check in the summer term.

Knowledge of number, including fractions will be learnt and skills of using written methods will be practiced.

Science

In Science we are studying Forces and Magnets. We will identify different types of forces and investigate a series of questions to explore how things move on different surfaces. We will be investigating magnets and what materials are attracted or repelled.

Skills of working scientifically and knowledge of forces and magnetism and how it effects our world will be learnt.

PSHE

In PSHE, our themes within the Jigsaw scheme of work will be 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me.'

Skills of cooperation, turn taking and discussing effectively will be practiced.

RE

In R.E, we are focusing on communities in Islam and how worship and celebrations help to build these. After half term, we will be looking at Creation from the Understanding Christianity unit of work.

Knowledge of these religions and the parts they play in our lives will be learnt. Skills of communication and discussion participating will be practiced.

P.E

With Mr Toothill, we will be completing activities in dance and hockey.

Skills of the sports will be practiced and knowledge of rules of the games will be learnt.

Geography

In Geography, we are exploring the UK, learning to locate major cities and areas, finding the difference between rural and urban areas and learning to use a map with compass points and 4-figure grid references.

Skills of fieldwork including map making and compass work will be practiced. Knowledge of our locational, place and physical/human geography will be learnt.

Design and Technology

In DT, we are looking at bridges. We will design our own bridges, then use a variety of materials to make them. Once we have tested them, we will improve the design or the materials to make the bridges better.

Skills of cutting, measuring and assembling will be practiced. Knowledge of effective bridge design and importance of prototypes will be learnt.

Computing

In Computing, our unit will be “We are meteorologists” and “We are co-authors” to link with our Geography topic. We will be recording and researching different types of weather from different areas in the UK. These will then be logged on a computer, from which we will create graphs.

Skills of logging on, saving and editing work will be practiced. Knowledge of meteorological devices and online encyclopaedias like Wikipedia will be learnt.



Important Information

As per the [school homework policy](#) homework will be set on a Friday and returned by Thursday.

Our P.E days are **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct P.E uniform on both these days.

Spelling rules will be learnt and tested on a weekly basis, and tables tests (Maths Challenge) will take place on a **Friday**. It would be greatly appreciated if you could help your child to prepare for these each week.

Please continue to hear your child read and complete their Reading Record book as often as possible during each week. Discussing and spelling words from the Y3/4 list within the Reading Record would also be a great help.

I hope this gives you a clearer picture of the work we will be covering this term. I'm sure it will be another exciting term of work. If you have any queries about anything, please feel free to email me or book an appointment.

Thank you.

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