

Elsenham C. of E. Primary School



2026 SUMMER NEWSLETTER: WILLOW CLASS

Mrs Carruthers and Mrs Duplaw

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely and restful Easter holiday. We are eagerly anticipating a busy summer term and look forward to the challenges we know the children will strive to achieve.

Thank you for all of your ongoing support and hard work at home—it is truly invaluable. Your communication is also really appreciated, so please continue to contact us via the school office or at pick-up, should you ever need to.

Mathematics

The summer term in maths holds a variety of new units as well as consolidation on others, such as the four operations. The upcoming units include position and direction, negative numbers, shape and statistics. We are following the White Rose scheme alongside using a variety of resources and manipulatives. Should you wish to support at home, White Rose offers free workbooks for each unit:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/parent-resources>

Science

In science, our unit is 'animals, including humans', which will involve experiments to understand how degeneration happens in humans. Further lessons will coincide with PSHE and be about the life cycle of humans, where we will study the effects of puberty as well as old age. We encourage you to have open conversations about puberty and hygiene so that our young people can feel empowered with knowledge of how their bodies will change. Please look out for more information on what will be discussed in PSHE letters on Parent Mail.

And there's more!

This term, history and geography will be linked to the engaging themes of ancient Egypt and life in the desert, which always proves to be a favourite!

In R.E., we will continue to delve into the exciting realms of philosophy and explore the works of famous philosophers, like Plato and Socrates. After that, we will focus on the human and social strands to learn how Sikhs make sense of the world.

As musicians, we will continue to learn about tempo, rhythm and improvisation through singing and learning to play the glockenspiels.

Our P.E. slots are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We will be focusing on athletics and rounders for outdoor P.E and gymnastics for indoor. Please check that your child has the correct kit for each activity, including earrings removed.

French has been a popular subject as we hone our accents! This term we will learn about meals and food types.

English

In English, we will be exploring fiction from our literary heritage in the form of William Shakespeare. Our further units include a non-fiction report on the history of Lego, a thrilling fictional story with a twist and a dramatic poetry topic!

As we approach the end of Year 5, grammar will be a huge focus in readiness for Year 6. We will work on varying sentence structures using conjunctions and different types of clauses. Expanding the use of punctuation will ensure these sentences are formed correctly. Proofreading and editing skills will be honed so we can check work makes sense.

Our next class guided reading book is the non-fiction text, Mummies Unwrapped, which also supports our history topic this term of Ancient Egypt.

Please do encourage your child to read daily as this is so beneficial and a relaxing way to begin and end a day.

Homework

Atom homework continues to be set on a Friday for the following Friday and spellings will be tested on Thursdays.