

Welcome to your new class

WILLOW

Class teacher:

Mrs Bennett

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Teaching assistant:

Mrs Venn

Class routines

- Start time 8:50am – 3:15pm. The door will be locked at 8:55am - if you are late you will need to take your child to the office.
- If you are unable to collect your child contact the school by 3:00pm.
- All school uniform needs to be named (including PE kit and rucksack).
- A coat/waterproof is needed at all times as we will go outside in all weathers.
- Indoor footwear must be black plimsolls or shoes (no crocs or slippers).
- PE kits need to include:
Jogging trousers and a warm top
Trainers for outdoor PE

Timetable 2017 - 2018

	0855	0910	0925	1025	1040	1100	1215	1315	1330	1400	1500	1515	
MON	Registration	Guided Reading	English	Assembly	Playtime	Maths	Lunchtime	Registration	ICT	THEME		Story Spellings	
TUES	Registration	Guided Reading	English			Maths		Registration	Swimming	French	Library	Story	
WED	Registration	Guided Reading	English			Maths		Registration	Science		PE (PE Shed)		Show and tell
THUR	Registration	Guided Reading	English			Maths		Registration	PE (M)	Cornets / RE	Cornets / RE	Story	
FRI	Registration	Celebration Assembly			Maths / English Activities	Singing		Registration	PSHE	P4C	Golden Time	Story	Home time

Curriculum Framework Year 4

2017-2018

	Autumn		Spring		Summer		
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traditional Tales – Myths Stories from other cultures Reports Performance Poetry 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plays Stories with historical settings Persuasive texts Narrative Poetry 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stories with a theme Discussion Texts Explanation Texts Poetry Appreciation 		
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counting, partitioning and calculating Securing number facts, understanding shape Handling data and measure 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calculating, measuring and understanding shape Securing number facts, relationships and calculating 				
Science	Electricity		States of Matter		Sound	Animals, including humans	All living things
Art /DT	Game using an electrical circuit	Dream Catchers	Sculpture	Painting Portraits	Environmental art/artists	Collage	
ICT	Programming	Computational Thinking	Creativity	Computer Networks	Communication/ Collaboration	Productivity	
Geography	North America			Physical geography, including the water cycle and weather			
History	Vikings		Ancient Egyptians		Norman Conquest		
R.E.	Christianity		Hinduism		Sikhism		
P.E.	Swimming Ball Skills (Basketball)/ Outdoor and Adventurous/Rugby		Bench-ball/Multi-skills Football/Hockey Gymnastics		Athletics/cricket/rounders		
Music	Comets and Singing						
P.S.H.E	New Beginnings	Getting On and Falling Out	Going For Goals	Good To Be Me	Relationships	Changes	
French	Numbers, objects, months, days, colours, pets, family, body parts, festivals, activities, buildings, shopping and clothes.						
P4C	Think, commit, reflect and justify						

Key information

- Please close the school gates if you see them open.
- Please do not use scooters on the school grounds.
- Be mindful when parking of the local residents.
- Parents are responsible for children before and after school.
- **If any child has vomited or has had diarrhoea, please do not send them back to school until they have been well for 48 hours.**

Key information

- Please supply a box of tissues each term.
- All admin for the office, please give to the class teacher in a named envelope.
- All hard copies of letters are kept in the entrance foyer.
- If your child has any medical/physical condition about which we are not aware please let us know.
- Please name water bottles and bring them in daily.
- If you change your mobile phone number or e-mail address then please let the office know (if you have not given either of these to the office please do so asap).

Communication

Please write a note or send an email in order to inform the school of appointments during school hours.

Please write a note, send an email or speak to the class teacher to arrange a meeting about your child or to inform us of any issues arising at home that you think may impact on your child's learning and about which you think we should be made aware.

It is very important that you let us know of anything that may affect your child in school. If any situation arises that could affect them emotionally, please inform us (for example, moving house, illness of close relatives/pets, parent travelling or being away from home).

Home learning

Maths and English

- Literacy homework will be given out on Friday to be completed and handed in the following Wednesday. Occasionally, children may be given a longer period of time to complete project work linked to our themes.
- Maths homework will be given out on Wednesday to be completed and handed in the following Monday.
- If homework is not completed and handed in on time it will be completed during play time, lunch time or Golden Time (this is on advice from past students!).

Home Learning

Spellings

- Spellings will be given out every two weeks on Monday. Your child will need to write the words into sentences. Please focus on handwriting, punctuation and demonstration of understanding. They will have two weeks to complete this and they will hand it in on the Friday (but not before, as you are expected to practise them).
- The whole class will learn the same spelling rule, learning the rule and referring to it throughout the two weeks.
- There will be a dictation exercise every two weeks which will include words using the rule. This is to ensure that spellings are applied in writing rather than just learnt for a test.

Reading

- Your child will have a reading record for us to communicate with you about their reading.
- These books are to be kept in their school bags so they are available at school every day.
- Your child will be part of a guided reading session once a week and we may offer ideas on what to focus on next.
- The children must record what they have read at home in their reading record at least three times a week.
- Your child will need to practise reading and discussing texts with an adult regularly. Please acknowledge that this has happened by signing the reading record once a week. All reading records will be checked (and signed by the teacher) regularly through the week.
- For further information please see our website under *Parents*.

Maths

- You can help your child at home by viewing our calculation policy which is on our website.
- You can also play games with your child involving Maths – board games, card games and games involving different mental strategies are great – as well as mental maths games on the internet.
- You can use money when visiting the shop, weigh items when making cakes and find many practical ways of involving Maths in daily life.
- Times tables and the inverse divisions are essential so please practise frequently.
- Please use *Mathletics* at home and tasks will occasional be set for homework.

Marking

- Your child's work will be marked using a green pen and pink and green highlighters. Positive aspects are underlined in pink; areas for growth in green. They will often be given a next step to improve.
- The children will be given the opportunity to read and reflect on their marked work.
- They will be rewarded for excellent work through house points and stars. Special Awards will also be given by Mrs Ellwood in recognition of outstanding effort and achievement. Exceptional achievements will result in a postcard home.

Class representative

- Class representative – Each class has a representative to help the teacher organise parent help during the year.

Mrs McGinley (James McGinley) has kindly offered to take up the post for 2017-2018.

Thank you

- Thank you for listening.
- This PowerPoint along with the hand outs will be uploaded onto our Greenway website.
- Please ask if you have any further questions.