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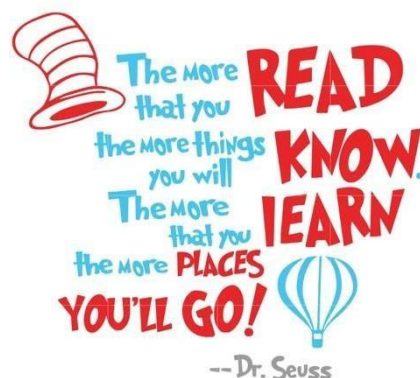
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Year 5 Willow Class Curriculum News Autumn 2026

Welcome back. We hope you all had a fantastic summer break and are ready to get back to learning. We have a fun and exciting term ahead of us and we hope you are looking forward to the challenges that are to come. This term we will be delving into the history of the Ancient Greeks. We are also looking forward to our school trip to the Winchester Science Centre, where we will visit the planetarium and learn more about our solar system and space.



Year 5 is a fantastic year for your child to flourish. They should use their growth mindset to explore new challenges and face them with confidence. Year 5 is all about becoming independent learners and developing their maturity and confidence through new experiences.

Home Learning

Maths and English home learning will support and consolidate the learning that has taken place in the classroom. Make sure you have your LBQ log in details.

Essential Information

Monday	- Planners to be handed in - English home learning in - Spellings are tested - PE Day - Library	Planners must be up to date with 10-20 minutes of reading 5 times per week, recorded home learning tasks and these must be signed weekly. They can also be used for notes to the teacher. Wear PE kit to school. Choose and return your library book.
Tuesday	- Maths home learning out - English home learning out - New spellings handed out	Please complete to the best of your ability – you should spend no longer than 30 minutes to an hour on each subject's home learning.
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday	PE Day	Wear PE kit to school
Every day	Reading books and planners in school	We read in school every day for at least 10 minutes. Please ensure you have a book to read.

Reading

Reading is an essential part of your child's education. It is important that they read a wide range of books to develop their understanding and vocabulary. Please read with your child once a week and ensure they are reading for a minimum of 15 minutes a day. They need to write a short review of what they have read in their planners. Reading should be enjoyable and exciting. See the reading challenge on the website for book ideas.

Multiplication and division facts

Times tables are the key to your child being a successful mathematician. It is important to continue to practise these even if they have learnt them, as they can easily be forgotten. There are many times table games online to play, along with apps and downloads to make them more accessible.

Spellings

It is important for your child to practise their weekly spellings to ensure good spelling in their work and the development of their vocabulary. On the Class Page on our website there is a list of words they must know by the end of Year 6. It is good practice for your child to learn these in their spare time in order to improve their competency in spelling.

Art and DT

This term we will be doing a range of art projects. Please make sure your child brings a large (adult sized), named smock/ old t-shirt to keep in school.

Water bottles and snacks!

A reminder that your child must have a named water bottle in school every day and **a fruit or veg snack** for break time.

Home learning expectations

We expect home learning to be submitted on time but recognize sometimes life can be very busy. Please support your child to spend the allocated time on their work as it is related to what we are learning in the classroom. If your child has any issues with home learning, please make sure they speak to the teacher about it so that we are able to help them prior to the completion date.

What will we be learning this term?

English	Report writing, descriptive writing, Greek myth writing, biography writing and travel writing plus year 5 grammar.
Reading	Whole class reader: 'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief' by Rick Riordan
Maths	Place value; addition and subtraction; multiplication and division; fractions.
Science	Earth and space. Forces.
History & Geography	The Ancient Greeks
RE	How do Hindus understand who God is and what role does worship play in the life of a Hindu?
PSHE	Growth mindset; me and my relationships; and valuing differences.
Art and DT	Art linked to science, history and geography.
Computing	Coding and online safety
PE	Maidenhead Magpies and teaching from PE Hub
Music	Music of the Ancient Greeks using voices Bell ringing

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have anything you wish to discuss. You can speak to us on the gate or for a longer appointment please request a telephone call or a meeting before or after school, via the office.

Mrs Barnes, Mrs Brown and Mrs Louth