

## Year 5 Willow Class Curriculum News Spring 2026

We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas holiday. We have a fun and exciting term of learning ahead of us and we hope you are looking forward to the challenges that are to come. This term we will be performing playscripts, doing multiplication and division, creating Tudor art, using databases, learning about medieval monarchs, exploring properties and changes of materials and much more.



This term brings with it new challenges but also new opportunities for children to grow and learn.

They are becoming more self-sufficient and widening their skill-set and we feel that now is the time to really push independence, using the 5 'B's and being critical of their learning and experiences.

### Home Learning

Maths and English home learning will support and consolidate the learning that has taken place in the classroom.

### Essential Information

<b>Monday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planners to be handed in</li> <li>English home learning in</li> <li>Spellings are tested and new spellings are handed out</li> <li>PE Day</li> </ul>	<p>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.</p> <p>Wear PE kit to school</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maths home learning out</li> <li>English home learning out</li> </ul>	<p>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.</p> <p>Choose and return your library book.</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>Thursday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Library</li> </ul>	
<b>Friday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PE Day</li> </ul>	Wear PE kit to school
<b>Every day</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading books and planners in school</li> </ul>	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 practice 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 water bottle in school every day and **a fruit or veg snack** for break time.

### Home learning expectations

We expect home learning to be handed in on time. Please make sure they spend the allocated time and ensure they are presenting their work neatly. 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?

<b>English</b>	Playscripts, character inferences, balanced arguments, narratives, debates and newspaper reports.
<b>Reading</b>	Whole class reader: Diver's Daughter by Patrice Lawrence. 'Macbeth' by Tony Ross, Street Child by Berlie Doherty and more.
<b>Maths</b>	Multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and percentages, perimeter and area and graphs and tables.
<b>Science</b>	Properties and changes of materials. Big Science project.
<b>History &amp; Geography</b>	Medieval Monarchs. North America.
<b>RE</b>	What would Jesus do? Salvation.
<b>PSHE</b>	Keeping safe. Rights and respect.
<b>Art and DT</b>	Tudor art. Stuffed toys.
<b>Computing</b>	Databases. Physical computing.
<b>PE</b>	Maidenhead Magpies and teaching from PE Hub
<b>Music</b>	Music of the Tudors.

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.

**Mr Meikle-Masters, Mrs Cross, Mrs Brown and Mrs Hudson.**