



P.P.S. Willow Class

April 2023
Summer Term

World War II / Athletic Aspirations

Dear Parents,

Year 6's last ever term of primary school has arrived! We are looking forward to making the most of the time the children have left, here at Petworth CofE Primary School. We hope to provide them with some enjoyable experiences that they will remember for many years to come.

This term, the children will be very busy! They will begin by taking their SATs, which they have been working really hard for, before learning about WW2 and Athletic Aspirations. We will also be putting on a performance and heading on some exciting trips.

As part of our WWII topic, the class will be analysing propaganda in **history** lessons. They will consider the effects of events leading up to the start of the war and discuss how the Battle of Britain can be seen as a turning point. Children will also be learning how Jewish people were persecuted during this period. Their understanding of these events will be deepened by studying literature linked to WWII such as, Goodnight Mr Tom.

In addition to our historical work, children will continue to develop their **geographical** skills: they will build on their prior knowledge and analyse what it would be like to visit each of the places they have studied over their time in primary school.

In **science**, we will find out about how light travels in straight lines. The children will conduct investigations to discover how light travels, as well

This is just an outline of what the children will be exploring during this topic.

as how the eye works.

In **R.E.** we will continue to deepen children's understanding of the Christian faith and how this affects the way people live. We will also be giving the children opportunities to study other religions, comparing and contrasting beliefs and practices. Children will choose different faiths to research and discuss. Their learning journey will be shared with the class in group presentations.

In **P.S.H.E.** children will be learning about internet safety and how to stay safe when sharing information online. The children will be focusing on Personal Well being and Emotional well-being, with learning in the latter half of the term being related to their transition to secondary school.

P.E. lessons will focus on striking and fielding skills. Children will evaluate different techniques and build on their ability to use strategies as part of a team. In athletics children will be working to develop their fitness, speed and agility. Children will also take a lead on organising a variety of intra-school events.

Sports Day this year will be going ahead in the last part of term.

Children can continue to wear their P.E. kits on the allocated days (Wednesdays and Thursdays). Please ensure they have suitable clothing to be able to take part in outdoor physical activity.

This term, the children will be learning the *Guitar* in **music** lessons. They will learn chords, songs and work in groups to produce their own songs to popular beats.



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In **Art**, children will learn about sculpture, with a focus on Alexander Calder. The children will explore the meanings behind his work and create their own mobile sculpture.

In **D & T**, the children will be looking in depth at gears and pulleys. They will be linking these to fairground rides, using the knowledge they will gain on our trip to Paulton's Park, to help design, make and evaluate their own model fairground rides.

Mrs Soal will be teaching **French** once a week to consolidate what has been taught over key stage two. For the first half term, the children will be reading Dear Zoo in French learning names of animals and describing animals (colours and size). The children will also write their own version of Dear Zoo in French.

In the second half of the term, they will be learning about family and clothing. Children will learn to build longer sentences and they will learn about noun adjective agreement in French.

As part of our **Computing** curriculum, children will consolidate their learning use the Scratch software, by producing their own game or project. The children will also be creating 3D models, using TinkerCAD and exploring how software can be used to develop 3D models and how this is helpful in industries.

Of course, **English** and **Maths** will be taught on a daily basis and will often be linked to the topic areas listed above. Maths this term will consolidate children's ability to calculate with all four operations and apply these skills in context. Children will build upon their knowledge of the properties of shape, calculate area and perimeter and analyse a variety of data.

English lessons will support the children's ability to use text to answer questions with detailed and well-justified answers. The children's understanding of SPAG (Spelling Punctuation and Grammar) will also be a key focus, particularly verb tense. Our topics will provide us with countless opportunities for writing.

Please remember that all homework is sent out with children on a Wednesday and is due on a Monday, and children in year 6 have access to Times-Table Rockstars, EdShed and Prodigy. Letters sent through the office are also downloadable from the website.

It has been a pleasure to teach this group of children and we are confident that they will continue to thrive as they embark upon the next step of their educational journey.

Zoe Pennicotte-Henrie (Willow Class Teacher)
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homework due in		Home-work set		
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