

Whimble Primary School - Curriculum Newsletter

Class: Willow

Year: 5/6

Term: Summer 2026



Dear parents and pupils,

Welcome to the summer term! Please find details outlining our learning for the final term of 2026 – and for some, the final term of primary school!

Please remember that SATs week for children in Year Six is from Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May.

English

- Securing grammar that is expected at the top end of Key Stage Two to develop our writing, and to support understanding for the SPaG SATs papers.
- Using the book, *The Boy At The Window* to write in a spooky and mysterious style.
- Writing our own poetry using the book *Earth Verse* as a model text.
- Continuing our shared reading journey in class, with *When We Were Warriors* by Emma Carroll.

What's the one thing we can do at home to support?

- Read with your child every day for 10 minutes. There is extensive evidence to show that reading to, and listening to children read has significant impacts on their learning across the curriculum.

Maths

- Thinking deeply, explaining clearly, learning together.
- Revising taught content in line with SATs expectations.
- Calculating with fractions.
- Solving multi-step problems and explaining our reasoning effectively.
- Further development of our arithmetic skills to apply number facts fluently.

What's the one thing we can do at home to support?

- Use your child's login details to Doodle Maths and ask them to complete their 'x a day' at least 4 times per week. The app is free of charge and children can use their school subscription.

Science

- Animals including humans
- Earth and Space

What's the one thing we can do at home to support?

- Look at the suggested homework activities and try to support your child with these across the term. There are so many great documentaries and books out there to learn about different and interesting animals.

Enquiry Question (Geography focus): how do volcanoes affect the lives of those living on Heimaey?

Art and Design

- 3D Sculpture
- Textiles

Languages (French)

- That's Tasty!

Religious Education

- Easter
- How do Christians show commitment?

Computing

- Programming – variables in games
- Programming – sensing (using MicroBits)

Music

- Battle of the Bands
- Farewell Tour

Physical Education

Children need to have PE kit in school every day. We will aim to do PE on Tuesdays and Fridays

- Golf
- Rounders
- Real PE: health and fitness, and personal modules

Personal Development

- Continuing to think about transition to secondary schools, including visits from staff and induction days
- The Civic Award – final conversations
- Buddy system with children in Elm Class to support reading and positive play
- Jigsaw PSHE: relationships and changing me (this includes SRE content)

Skills Builder

- Spring term 1: Problem Solving and Listening
- Spring term 2: Creativity and Speaking



What's the one thing we can do at home to support?

- Support them to understand how relationships change over time, particularly when we learn that friends may be attending different secondary schools.
- Help your child to understand that 'getting better at something' comes through hard work, resilience and practice.

While it is important to continue your child's learning journey at home, I would like all extra work to be enrichment of their learning in the classroom. So alongside daily reading and regular Doodle Maths, your child will be given:

- Spellings: children will be given a set of spellings **every week**. These will be set and tested on a Wednesday.
- Homework activities: the attached homework grid outlines some ideas that your child could attempt. Ideally, they will bring one piece of work in per week to be shared on display.

All homework will be set via Google Classroom, but provision can be made for anyone who is unable to access this at home. If you have any further questions regarding any of this information, or have any queries regarding your child's time in Willow Class in general, please do not hesitate to ask.

Many thanks,

Mr M Brown

A selection of dates for your diary

Monday 11 th – Thursday 14 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Wednesday 17 th – Friday 19 th June	Year 5/6 residential to Bath and Bristol
Friday 3 rd July	Sports Day (pm only)
Tuesday 21 st July	Year 6 Leaver's production and assembly (2.00pm start)
Wednesday 22 nd July	Last day of term (3.30pm finish)

