

**Willow Class Weekly Newsletter**

Week beginning: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents,

This week we have our fantastic trip to Winchester Science Centre which will be a superb opportunity to develop the children's coding expertise and experiences. If you were unable to book an appointment for parents evening last week, please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange an alternative time.

Here is an overview for this week.

**English Activities**

Genre – Biography and Autobiography

This week we will be writing our own biographies about Archimedes where we will be applying our relative clauses. The children will then be writing and publishing their own autobiography using their home learning project from last week.

**Maths Activities**

Topic –Shape

This week we will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. We will be developing our technical vocabulary to describe shapes and identify lines of symmetry accurately. In preparation for Enterprise Week, the children will also be doing some problem solving to calculate the cost of the equipment we will need and exploring profit margins.

**Computing- Scratch**

This week the children will be continuing to explore how to program using 'scratch' to create a simple game.

**French- Exploring parts of the classroom and pencil case items**

This week the children will be continuing to explore vocabulary to describe areas of the classroom and some items they find in their pencil cases.

**Times tables:** Please can the children revise their individual times tables for a test on Friday so that the children can work through various times table challenges. We will also be practising our times tables in our mental starters in maths.

**Spellings:**

Spellings this week will be exploring words that use the sc sound in words such as descend, science, etc. A list of spellings or spelling activity will be given to the children every **Thursday** and there will be a spelling test each Thursday following, to consolidate the learning that has taken place that week. The lists and activities will be based on ones provided by the National Curriculum and will follow the spelling pattern for that particular week.

**Home Learning:**

Due to a bonus piece of research being completed last week linked to our literacy unit, the children will have an additional week to complete the projects on the home learning matrix. The projects will need to be handed in on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. If you require any projects please contact me.

Home Learning is also to be completed the children's Home Learning books and will be given out alongside their spellings, reading practise and their individual times tables.

Please can the children practise reading aloud each day for 10-15mins or ask them questions about what they are reading at the moment and what is happening to characters or what may happen to them.

Please encourage the children to come and see me as soon as possible if they do not understand their home learning activities so that they have enough time to complete the activities at home.

Many thanks,  
Mrs Wright