

**Willow Class Weekly Newsletter**

Week beginning: Tuesday 5th December 2017

Dear Parents,

This week is our Enterprise week where the children will be involved in making our fantastic product to sell at our Christmas Fayre on Friday. Here is an overview for this week.

English Activities

Genre – Instructions and Big Write

This week we will be exploring the features of instructional writing and recapping our grammar skills of using modals and prepositions. We will then be creating a set of instructions for making our Enterprise Week product. Towards the end of the week the children will be writing their own creative story

Maths Activities

Topic –Shape

This week we will be looking at 2D shapes and investigating their properties. We will be developing our technical vocabulary to describe shapes and identify lines of symmetry accurately.

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 different for Year 4 and Year 5:

- Year 4 will be exploring nouns and verbs ending in 'y': change the 'y' to an 'i' and add '-es' exploring words where if the y follows a consonant, then change the y to i and add -es. If the y follows a vowel, add -s.
- Year 5 will be converting nouns or adjectives into verbs using '-ate', '-ise' or '-ify'

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: Maths – 2D Shape

This week the children will have a Maths task to complete relating to our shape work to ensure children can **identify and describe their key properties**. Further details will follow on Thursday when the home learning will be set. This piece of home learning will be **due in next Wednesday**.

Home Learning is also to be completed in 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