

**Willow Class Weekly Newsletter**

Week beginning: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents,

Here is an overview for this week.

**English Activities**

Genre –Non Fiction: Explanation

This week we will be continuing to explore the novel, *Swallows and Amazons* by Arthur Ransome where the children will be continuing to explore the characters on their quest to the island and will be planning and writing their own survival guide for the Walker family to set sail and set up camp. In our grammar starters this week we will be looking at how to create subordinate clauses to form complex sentences and exploring causal conjunctions.

**Maths Activities**

Topic –Place Value- Rounding and Roman Numerals

This week we will be continuing to recap our place value knowledge to round numbers, explore how to convert and understand Roman numerals as well as continue to develop our mathematical reasoning skills.

**Computing**

Context- Scratch

This week we will be completing and evaluating our levelled game to add and explore variables to make different effects.

**Topic**

This week the children will be continuing to explore our exciting topic for this term to look at the concept of belonging and where people decide to settle e.g. the types of settlements.

**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. Times tables games can be used at any time.

**Spellings:**

Spellings this week will be where the ending of words sounds like /ʒən/, it is spelt as **–sion** or **–ssion**. **Rule – ssion** is used if the root word ends in **ss** or **–mit**. **–sion** is used if the root word ends in **d** or **se**. 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: Science – The Solar System**

This week, I would like to give the children the opportunity to research and present information about a planet, constellation or galaxy (or an aspect of space they are interested in). The children will have two weeks to complete this task where the children will be expected to research their chosen subject during this week and then present it following week ready to hand in on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January**.

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. Also, if you have any difficulties accessing MyMaths please come and see me (flash player will be required to access some of the features).

Many thanks,  
Mrs Wright