

Updates and reminders

Welcome back to all pupils, parents and carers. We hope you have had a fantastic summer holiday and are ready to get stuck into the term.

Our team in Willow: Mrs Tanner is the class teacher. She will be working alongside Mrs Hassan, who will support English every morning and Miss Duff who is a graduate teacher. Mrs McDougall will be teaching in Willow every Tuesday afternoon.

Our team in Walnut: Miss Reed is the class teacher in Walnut. She will be working alongside Mrs Hunt who will support Maths every morning and Mr Gerrard who is a graduate teacher.

We will be holding a 'Meet The Teacher' session on Friday 8th September at 3.20pm. This is an opportunity to meet the team, visit the classrooms and ask any questions. We hope that you will be able to make this date and look forward to meeting you.

Home Learning: We will now be setting termly home learning. We hope this will be an opportunity for the pupils to engage with more creative activities over a longer period of time. Home Learning will be sent home on the first Monday of each term. Pupils will aim to complete a number of activities to score a minimum of 10 points.

Spellings: Spellings will be sent home at the start of each term. There will be approximately 30 words. The pupils need to spend some time each week learning the vocabulary. This will be alongside daily practice in the academy.

Dates for the Diary:

7.9.17 Term 1 Begins

8.9.17 Meet the Teacher - 3:15pm

19.9.17 Academy Photographs

29.9.17 Macmillan Coffee Morning

3.10.17 Greek Day! Please look out for further communication

4.10.17 KS2 Parent Consultations / Book Fair Begins

18.10.17 Celebration Afternoon 2:30pm

20.10.17 Last day of Term 1

30.10.17 First day of Term 2

Advance notice: Year 6 (both classes) assembly will be at 2:30pm on Wednesday 29th November.



Year Six

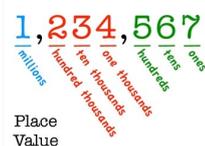
Walnut
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Willow



Newsletter Term One

SWORDS AND SANDALS: ANCIENT

Maths: This term, Year 6 will be using their skills in number by developing secure written methods for addition and subtraction of integers and



Place
Value

decimals. They will be improving their mental strategies and securing number facts in order to support this. The children will learn how to apply these skills to problem solving. Following this the children will revise skills in partitioning whole numbers and decimals using the place value system. The pupils will revisit common multiples, prime numbers and prime factors so that they can recognise and use them accurately. To finish the term, we will move on to compare and order fractions as well as multiplying and dividing fractions. The pupils will need to contin-

ue to work hard at home completing times tables and using Mathletics.

English: This term in English the pupils will be studying the text River Boy. They will use the text to inspire their own work, beginning with a unit on journalistic writing. The pupils will develop skills to enable them to empathise with characters, discuss themes within the text and create newspaper articles about issues that arise. Later in the term the pupils will be introduced to a second text called The Door. While exploring this text the pupils will enhance their descriptive writing skills by creating their own exciting portal stories.

Learning Journey: The pupils will be developing their understanding of Ancient Greece. Through research and other hands on activities, the pupils will discover fascinating facts about the Greek way of

life during this time. As the unit continues, the pupils will have the opportunity to research and prepare Greek food as well as learning about clothing, trade and the incredible mythical creatures and legends of this time.



PE: Pupils will need a PE kit in school which should consist of green shorts, a white plain t-shirt (or one with the logo) with trainers or plimsolls. Pupils may wear dark coloured jogging bottoms in the winter months for outdoor PE only. Please ensure that everything is named.

PE is taught on a Tuesday for Walnut and Wednesday for Willow.



ART: The pupils will be extending their learning journey topic

by exploring the artistic side of the ancient Greeks! Pupils will learn about Greek myths, and create drawings that are inspired by Gods, Goddesses and fantastical beasts. They will then research and explore Greek architecture, before creating some of their own personal Greek-style clay pottery.

PSHee: The pupils will begin by focusing on new beginnings and discussing the issues that may arise when they are faced with new situations. they will have an opportunity to explore their feelings as well as thinking about strategies that could help them through difficult situations. The pupils will also identify and explore self-esteem by thinking about their own positive attributes and how thinking about them can help them feel

good about themselves as well as others, helping to build positive relationships with those around them.

RE: This term, we will be looking into the first pillar of Islam: Shahadah. The pupils will explore what this pillar means and why it is significant. They will make links with their own lives and the values that they believe in.