



WILLIAM HARDING SCHOOL
Aim high... Work hard... Be kind...

WILLIAM HARDING SCHOOL

Hazlehurst Drive, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 9TJ

Phone: 01296 421733

E-mail: office@williamharding.school

Website: www.williamhardingschool.co.uk

Head Teacher: Miss T Cotchin BA(Hons) PGCE NPQH



Year 2 Newsletter – Autumn 1 2023-24

Dear families,

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with information and reminders which we hope you and child will find useful.

In our year group this term, we will have the following adults;

Cherry – Miss Toft

Elder – Mrs Culverhouse and Miss Jensen (Trainee Teacher)

Lime – Miss Peters

Juniper – Miss Wainwright (Year Lead)

We will also have the following TAs who will be supporting across the year group: Mrs Morgan, Miss O'Connor, Mrs Measey, Mrs Kassam, Mrs Ash, Miss Dempsey and Mrs Fifoot, our Lead TA.

Also teaching within the year group is Miss Bagshaw (Sports Coach), Miss Tahara (Cover Supervisor) and Mrs Fulford-Foy (Assistant Headteacher).

Maths

During the first half of this half-term, we will be focusing on multiplication and division. The children will learn about equal groups and how to use them to multiply and divide, with a focus on learning multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Following this, we will revisit place value and use our knowledge of tens and ones to solve problems and order numbers. We will finish the half term by looking at how to tell the time to an hour and half hour before beginning our work on geometry by looking at the different types of 2D and 3D shapes.

Arithmetic sessions will take place every Friday and this half term we will be focusing on addition and subtraction, including the use of the column method.

English

This half-term, the children will be writing a range of texts including narratives, setting descriptions, instructions and diary entries. They will be developing their understanding of story language and descriptive techniques, learning how to use apostrophes for omission, securing their knowledge of past tense and past tense verbs and further develop their knowledge of conjunctions.

Our School Values are: Inclusion, Perseverance, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility and Collaboration.



Reading

In SQUIRT (super quality uninterrupted reading time), we will be reading Emily Brown and The Thing and Vlad and the Great Fire of London. In both our reading comprehension sessions and our SQUIRT sessions, the children will be answering inference questions based on these texts as well as sequencing and vocabulary questions.

To further develop the children's reading skills, they will be visiting the school library once a week and will have the opportunity to check books out to read at home or within the classroom.

The children will visit the library on the following days:

Cherry – Thursday

Elder – Tuesday

Juniper – Monday

Lime – Wednesday

Phonics

During our daily Read, Write, Inc phonics sessions, the children will continue to develop their understanding of decoding, blending and segmenting words at a level appropriate for them. Once the children are secure with these skills, they will move onto applying them within spelling.

Science

This half-term's topic is focused on living things and their habitats. The children will explore the different types of habitat around the world and learn about the different animals and plants they provide for and how. Following this, the children will learn about food chains and how this is supported by the environment the animals/plants live in.

Primary Knowledge Curriculum

This half term, we will be studying History and our topic will be The Great Fire of London. Throughout the topic, the children will learn about the events of the Great Fire of London, the people who documented this time and how the fire changed and impacted the city. The children will also learn about the plague and how this impacted life in London.

Our DT focus is on the preparation of fruits and vegetables. The children will learn about healthy food choices as well as basic food hygiene before having the opportunity to design, create and evaluate their own fruit salad.

P.E.

Each week, the children will have one indoor PE lesson and one outdoor PE lessons. These will be taught either by their teacher or by Miss Bagshaw, our Sports Coach.

PE will take place on the following days:

Cherry – Tuesday and Thursday

Elder – Thursday and Friday

Juniper – Thursday and Friday

Lime – Tuesday and Friday

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on their PE days.

Our School Values are: Inclusion, Perseverance, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility and Collaboration.



Computing

Computing this half term will be focused on the internet. The children will learn how to use the internet to search for information alongside learning about how to evaluate the accuracy of search results and how to check information against multiple sources.

PSHE

During this half term's PSHE topic of Celebrating Differences, the children will be identifying the differences which make us all unique and special before learning about bullying and how to deal with it and how to use similarities and differences to make new friends.

RE

This half term will be centred around Christianity. The children will learn about Christian's beliefs about Jesus being a gift from God as well as the Christmas Story and its importance to Christians today.

Music

During our Music lessons, we will be developing our understanding of rhythm and pulse through a variety of songs and musical games.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle (containing only water) with them every day. It is important for children to stay hydrated as part of their general well-being.

We look forward to another great term!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Wainwright, Mrs Culverhouse, Miss Toft and Miss Peters

Our School Values are: Inclusion, Perseverance, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility and Collaboration.

