



St Faith's C.E. Primary School

Parent Information 2016-2017

Class: Willow Year 4

Overview of topics for the year:

Autumn:

- Volcanoes (Geography)
- United Kingdom (Geography and History)
- Living Things and their Habitats (Science)
- Henry Moore sculpture & 3D volcanoes (Art)
- Sewing skills and cross stitch (DT)

Spring:

- Saxon and Viking Settlement and Conflict (History)
- Animals including Humans (Science)
- Electricity (Science)
- Sketching landscapes (Art)
- Food and construction (DT)

Summer:

- Ancient Egypt (History)
- States of Matter (Science)
- Sound (Science)
- Digital patterning and Egyptian headdress (Art)

Planned visits for the year:

Year 4 Minstead Residential – 21st - 23rd Sept
Great British Tea Party - Spring term tbc
Saxon and Viking trips tbc – Spring term
Trip to Highclere to visit Egyptian exhibition

Ways in which you could come and help us:

If you have a little spare time first thing in the morning or in the afternoon and would be interested in helping to hear readers, I would love to hear from you. Pop in and see me or catch me in the playground ☺

If you are unable to commit on a regular basis, but are occasionally available, do look out for letters coming home as we often require extra helpers for particular projects or school trips! Thank you!

Snacks and water bottles:



Your child will need to bring a **named water bottle** to school to ensure they are kept hydrated throughout the day.

The children may also bring in a **healthy snack** for morning break which should be kept in their bags or lunchboxes in the cloakroom.



Staffing information:

Miss Whiteman – Monday to Friday
Mrs Choules – Y4 Literacy and Numeracy (Tues-Fri)
Mrs Buchanan (Trainee teacher) - Monday to Thurs
Sports coach – Games (Monday am)
Mrs Johnson - Science (Monday pm)
Mrs Brannigan – French (Monday am)
Mrs Harding – RE (Thursday pm)
Mr Walker - Listen2Me Music (Thursday pm)
LSAs: Mrs Maundrell (Tuesday - Friday am)

Homework routines:

Frequent home reading and times table practise is very important and will hugely beneficial to your child's learning.



In addition to this, the Year 4 homework routines are as follows:

- **Set on Monday, due on Friday**
Yellow spelling book - Your child will bring this home on Monday with their weekly list stuck in. Please complete 4 activities from the list inside during the week and return on Friday.
- **Every Thurs/Fri (checked during guided reading)**
Your child must show Mrs Choules their reading record with a minimum of 3 adult signatures to show their weekly home reading. They may also write in it themselves when reading alone.
- **Set on Thursday, due the following Thursday**
One piece of **Numeracy homework** and one piece of **Literacy homework** which are sent home in a coloured plastic folder. This should be handed back by the following Thursday.

PE days and required kit:



Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day. Willow class has outside games on **Mondays** and indoor PE on **Wednesdays** focussing on team games and skills as well as movement. We do outside PE throughout the year so please provide your child with **jogging bottoms or leggings, a sweatshirt and trainers** in addition to the **school PE kit**, all **clearly labelled** please.

Also your child will need a **named overall or apron for art** to protect their clothes during messy activities!

In order to build independence and responsibility, please encourage the children to look after their own belongings and ensure they take them all home at the end of the day. All items must be clearly labelled with your child's name in case any do get lost or left behind! Name checks will be carried out in the first few weeks!