

## Willington Lower School

Summer Term

Oak Class

This term's topic is 'Wild and Wonderful'

### English

- This half term we will be exploring traditional tales from other cultures, looking at text from around the world including India and Australia.
- We will learn how to compile interesting and exciting non-fiction texts on animals as well as constructing our own pieces of persuasive writing.
- We continue to focus on reading skills, looking at the hidden meanings in text, rather than just what we can decode.
- Spelling and grammar continue to be a priority and we will be learning more about the structure of the English language.

### Geography

- We will begin the term by investigating different types of maps and developing our own mapping skills including grid references and compass points.
- Later in the term we will be learning about The Galapagos Islands.



### History

- As you know the school will be celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. We will spend a week looking back at what school life would have been like over the course of its existence.

### Science

- This term will be learning about what plants need to survive and how they reproduce. We will also investigate what soil is made from.
- We will learn about classification of plants and animals before moving on to nutrition in humans and adaptation in animals linked to our work on The Galapagos.



### Homework

- As well as the usual homework given out on Fridays and due in on Wednesdays there will also be spellings this term. These will be given out on a Monday and tested on Friday. Children have spellings books in their book bags and it would be greatly appreciated if these could be learned at home each week night.
- Daily reading at home will be rewarded in class so please do sign your children's reading records if you hear them! Children will need their reading book and reading record every day in school so please encourage children to put them straight back in their bags after reading. Thank you!

### Music

- The children will be preparing for their Sing On! concert later in the year. This will take place at Bedford Corn Exchange and tickets will go on sale nearer to the time.



### Mathematics

- We will be looking at a broad range of mathematical skills this half term including improving and honing our written methods.
- We continue to focus on mental maths and strategies to speed up our calculations, including thinking about the structure of numbers and how to use this to manipulate them.
- Children will have times tables test fortnight. They will be learning these in class but any extra help they can get at home will be greatly appreciated!



### Art

- The children will be learning about the work of artist Andy Goldsworthy. They will be using found objects from our local environment to develop their pencil skills and create artworks from natural materials.

### RE

- Our focus this half term will be on how believers show their commitment through the journey of life in a range of faiths.
- Next half term we will look at what religions teach us about the natural world and why should we care for it.

### ICT

- We will begin to explore digital literacy this term, looking at databases and word processing skills.