



Welcome to Autumn 2 and the countdown to Christmas! This half term the children will be focusing 1 learning on their topic 'Go with the flow'. This will focus on of developing their geographical skills looking carefully at Rivers. To enhance their learning the children will be taking part in an exciting trip to the River Thames in a local area study. The children will also be working towards their KS2 Christmas show which will take place on the 14th December.

The children will be continuing with their Maths fluency, spelling, handwriting and grammar lessons to help practice the skills they need to access this new and exciting curriculum.

If you have any questions, please always come and see myself (Miss Upton year 6 teacher & Phase leader), Ms Bridgland (year 5/6) or Ms Fredua (year 5). Our doors are always open and we look forward to meeting you soon!

Autumn 2 2017- This half term KS2 (Y5 & Y6) will be learning about the following topics:

English	In English, the children will be basing their learning on the exciting 'Grimm Tales' looking at how traditional tales can sometimes have a twist! The children will be exploring all the features of a traditional tale such as character development, enchanted settings, talking animals and not to mention the moral to the story, alongside the different grammatical features needed. The children will become authors themselves as they will be writing their own tale using everything they have learnt! After that we will be delving into the story 'The Princess' Blankets' where our narrative units will take more of a mystery turn. Stay tuned for the fantastical tales of Hollydale...coming soon!
Reading Records	Since the beginning of the year the children have been bringing home a book from the book corner every day. Each day we record who has written in and handed in their reading records. Please read and discuss the book with your child and ensure that it is returned each day. The reading books will be changed for Willow, on Fridays, Maple on Mondays and Hazel on Tuesdays. Rewards will be given to children for fantastic, in-depth comments.
Spelling, punctuation and grammar	This term, the children will be having weekly grammar sessions in order to improve their understanding of the grammatical conventions of the English language. We will be looking specifically at grammatical conventions linked to our text types whilst keeping up our basic skills. The children will also have weekly spelling sessions where we will teach them explicit spelling rules, which will then be applied in the weekly spelling homework. Spelling tests of these words will take place on Thursdays.
Maths	In Maths the children will begin the term revisiting division and ensuring that their four calculations are consolidated. We will then be moving on to fractions where the children will be learning all about equivalencies and improper and proper fractions. Next will be percentages, measure including time...so get out those watches, statistics which will link brilliantly to our topic of rivers, weight including mass and finally geometry.
Science	In Science we will be looking at forces. The children will be able to explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object and identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction that act between moving surfaces. The children will be planning and carrying fair tests in order to discover how forces affect different objects and then observe how some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect. We will be working on different lines of enquiry in order to support our knowledge.
Computing	The children will be focusing on online safety this term. As the children become more mature and are trusted with mobile phones and the internet, we feel that it's important that children are made aware of the different dangers that come with being online; cyber bullying, sharing passwords, social media and stranger danger. The children will be able to give advice to others about how to stay safe online.
IPC	This term we will be learning all about Rivers! Considering we live on the doorstep of the River Thames this will be a fantastic way to learn about our home city! The children will know how the features of rivers influence the nature of human activities and be able to collect and record evidence to answer geographical questions. By using online sources such as Google Earth and physical resources such as maps and atlas' they will be able to understand how the geographical features of the host country affect the lives of the people who live there and know about the main physical and human features and environmental issues of rivers.
Art	This term the children will be illustrating their own traditional tales from their English work, looking at how illustrations can support a story and working on shadow techniques to create imagery.
P.E.	PE days for Willow class are on Thursdays and Fridays, Maple is Tuesday and Thursday and Hazel Wednesday and Thursdays. Please ensure that your child/children have the following kit for PE: Black tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a white t-shirt or top and black trainers or plimsolls. This term they will be focusing on Invasion games.
Music	Children will take part in weekly Brass lessons on Thursday.

R.E.	This term our topic will be Christianity looking at 'Who is Jesus?' and be working towards their exciting Christmas show!
P.S.H.E. & Citizenship	This term our focus will be all about celebrating our differences which is one of our core values; Respect.
Homework	A variety of cross curricular homework tasks will be assigned at the start of the half term. Each week your child will select one task to complete, to be returned by Wednesday. Children should continue to learn their times tables , which will be tested on a regular basis and additional maths homework will be assigned on the Mathletics website, for which each child has their own username and password. Children should also learn spellings which will be sent home on Friday and tested the following week. As an extra special year 6 treat the children will also be issued basic skill maths to keep our brains ticking over nicely until those gruesome SATS are over!
Key dates	<p>Tuesday 7th November: Scholastic Book Fair open today from 08:30 – 09:00am and 3:30 – 4:00pm until 10.11.17</p> <p>Monday 13th November: Anti-Bullying Week – All Different, All Equal</p> <p>Wednesday 22nd November: Y6 SATs meeting for parents at 3:40pm</p> <p>Thursday 7th December: KS1 Christmas production</p> <p>Friday 8th December: Computer Science Education - Hour of Code</p> <p>Thursday 14th December: KS2 Christmas production at 2:00pm</p> <p>Saturday 16th December: Christmas Fayre 12.00-16.00</p> <p>Monday 18th December: Christmas Jumper day</p> <p>Tuesday 19th December: End of term Christmas/Winter class parties pm. Parents to provide snacks.</p> <p>Wednesday 20th December: End of term parties/ Last day of term. School finishes at 2:00pm. No ASC today. We are currently looking for parent reading volunteers on a Friday afternoon- if you are able to and would like to volunteer your time to come and read with our year 5 and 6 children we would love to hear from you. Please see Miss Upton (year 6 teacher and KS2 Phase Leader) on the playground or email supton10.210@lgflmail.org</p>

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to come and see the KS2 team. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

KS2 Team

Willow Class- Miss Upton, Mr Porter

Maple Class – Ms Bridgland, Ms Mustafa

Hazel Class- Ms Fredua, Ms Mohamed