

**Year: 6 Class: Willow**  
**Term: Spring 2 2020**  
**Teacher: Mrs Beyzade/Mrs Dennis**  
**LSA: Mrs Thorne**

### Welcome Back

Dear Parents/Carers,  
Welcome Back! We hope you had a restful half-term and are feeling refreshed. We are looking forward to an exciting Spring Term 2! Read on to see what we will be learning in the next 6 weeks ...

### Year 6's Spring 2 Learning:

#### **English and Reading**

In English, we will be studying the core text 'Reflections of Eden: My Years with the Orangutans of Borneo' by Biruté Galdikas. Children will learn about the plight of the Bornean rainforest and the palm oil crisis. We will explore the impact of the consumer demand for palm oil and the impact of logging and the pet trade. We will also research and explore the conservation initiatives that are already in place to write a non-chronological report.

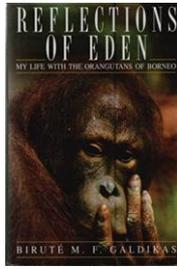
In Reading, we will be developing our skills in reading a range of texts. Children will learn different strategies and techniques to help them understand and answer questions correctly. They will answer questions from a range of assessment strands as we help them prepare for SATs. There will be opportunities for children to discuss their reading before writing their responses to what they have read. We will be continuing to read a range of fiction and non-fiction genres to ensure children are using and applying their developing reading skills.

#### **Maths**

In Maths, we will begin by completing the algebra unit we briefly touched upon last half term. For the remaining weeks, we will be converting between different units of measure and solving problems involving area and perimeter. In algebra, pupils will need to use simple formulae, generate and describe linear number sequences, express missing number problems algebraically and find pairs of numbers that satisfy an equation with two unknowns. When converting between different units of measure, pupils will need to solve problems involving the calculation and conversion of units of measure including measurement, mass, volume and time.

#### **Science**

In Science, children will be learning all about light! They will explain how light travels; how the human eye sees objects and how different colours of light can be created. They will also use and explain how simple optical instruments work, such as a periscope, telescope, binoculars, mirror and telescope. In addition, they will explain changes linked to light and sound.



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### **Art**

In Art, we will be studying rainforest animals. Children will use a range of materials: acrylic paint and canvas and oil pastels and cartridge paper to produce artwork depicting the orangutans in Borneo.

### **PE**

In PE, pupils will continue to be taught a range of skills required for different games by a Sports Coach.

### **Useful Information**

#### **PE Kit**

PE will be taught on Thursday afternoons. Pupils will need a full PE kit, including trainers or plimsolls.

#### **Reading Records and Passports**

Reading Records will be checked every day. Please ensure your child is reading for at least 15-30 minutes each day, and reading a range of poetry, fiction and non-fiction. For every 5 minutes your child reads, please sign and shade in a box on their Reading Passport. Once children have filled up their Reading Passport, they will be awarded a special certificate and sticker in assembly and will be ready to move onto the next reading challenge!

#### **Spellings/Reading/Maths**

Pupils will be given the following homework every Monday: Spellings, Reading Comprehension and Maths (linked to the maths topic they're learning that week). Please ensure your child hands this in every Friday.

### **Diary Dates**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: Good Citizenship Award Assembly @ 9-9:45am  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March: Youth Engagement Team at Croydon Police Visit @ 1:30-3pm  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March: Year 6 SATs Meeting @ 6-6:30pm in the School Hall  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day 2020  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March: Parent Reading Morning 8:45-9:15am  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March (late) Spring Term Parents' Evenings  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March: Parent Reading Morning 8:45-9:15am