

# ***Welcome to Willow***

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## ***Base***



# Meet the Willow Base Team



Mrs Putt



Mr Clark



Mrs Steel



Ms Kemish



Mrs Bleaney



# Pastoral & SEND support



We are an inclusive school and work hard to ensure all children feel welcomed, valued and are able to reach their full potential with us.

If you or we feel your child is struggling at school, the teacher will arrange to meet you and discuss the support we are able to offer.



Mrs Smallbones  
ELSA

Mrs Prestage  
SENDCo





# Learning Values for Life!



The 4 learning Rs: **Reciprocal, Resourceful, Resilient, Reflective**

The 2 behaviour Rs: **Respectful and Responsible**

This is important so that we equip our children with the dispositions needed to cope with whatever the future looks like.

Important to develop *learners* – those who want to learn and know how to learn successfully.

# Behaviour Values & Expectations

**We talk to the children about:**

- Readiness to learn (listening, tracking)
- Respectful Relationships (showing empathy)
- Engagement (responding to questions/ sharing ideas)

To promote a nurturing learning environment where mistakes are celebrated, everyone's contributions are valued and great pride is taken by the children to share their knowledge and ideas and support each other.



# Learning at VFS

**The key principles we follow are:**

- *That material should be sequenced and modelled with great consideration*
- *That questioning is vital to embedding learning and identifying any need to adapt the lesson*
- *That reviewing material ensures it is committed to long-term memory*
- *That practice of a skill will need to be guided as well as independent*



# Our Curriculum

- Builds on prior knowledge
- Prepares for future learning
- Inspires curiosity
- Promotes a rich vocabulary
- Celebrates mistakes



# Year 3 Highlights

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic Title	Stones and Bones	Majestic Mountains	Rocks, Relics and Rumbles	Nurturing Nature	The Brilliant Bronze Age!	Feel the Force French - Bon Appetit! (1 week)
Topic Theme (Topic driven by)	History -The Stone Age Science - Animals	Geography - Mountains and Hills	Science - Rocks & Fossils	Science - Plants	History - Bronze/Iron Age	Science - Forces & Magnets Geography & French - France - Comparison with UK

- Autumn:  
**The Stone Age**  
**Majestic Mountains**
- Spring :  
**Rocks and Fossils**  
**Nurturing Nature**
- Summer: *(our Class Assembly will be in the Summer term)*  
**The Brilliant Bronze Age**  
**Feel the Force**





# Year 3 PE Days

## Monday and Wednesday

Please come in full PE kit - leggings/jogging trousers in the colder months.



# Reading & Phonics

- Reading Records
- Reading Daily out of school (3 x weekly recorded in Reading Record)
- Reading for pleasure starts at home with children reading and listening to texts that excite them; stories, comics, newspapers even audio books...anything!
- **If children are still on the ULS Phonics programme, they will take a fully decodable book, which will be matched to their reading level and a reading for pleasure book. These books will be changed once a week.**
- We look forward to seeing their reading entries in their reading records from home.
- We encourage children in KS2 to write in their reading diaries independently.



# Year 3 phonics

- *In Year 3, phonics continues to be revisited to ensure mastery of the phonetic code and any child who does not meet age related expectations will continue to receive support to close identified gaps.*



# Home Learning

- Google Classroom
- Every Friday there will be home learning set on google classrooms with links to the websites/activities they need to complete. We expect these to be done by the following Thursday and ask that children 'turn it in' so we know who has completed it

KS2: Spellings/Literacy task (through sumdog)

Maths task (will not happen every week but will be on Sumdog)



# Residential & Trips

We will be organising an educational visit - we anticipate this will be in the Spring term.



# Communication

- Drop-off/ Pick-up - for short catch ups
- Link book / messages at the door

## **For longer conversations, please do:**

- Email the class teacher directly

[zsteel@verwoodfirstschool.org](mailto:zsteel@verwoodfirstschool.org)

[sputt@verwoodfirstschool.org](mailto:sputt@verwoodfirstschool.org)

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- Email via the office on [office@verwoodfirstschool.org](mailto:office@verwoodfirstschool.org)
- Telephone the office on 01202 822652

Weekly newsletters/ parentmail / Google Classroom



# Any Questions?