Dear Parents,

Over the Autumn term, Willow Class will be working on the topic "Harry Potter". This topic will primarily focus on Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone. We will be using the text and watching the film to support us in our own narrative writing. Below you will see a clear overview of the curriculum coverage for this topic.

To conclude this topic, we will be visiting Warner Brothers Studios and the Harry Potter Studios tour. We are all very excited about this trip and more information will be given very soon.

If you have any queries or would like to discuss anything with me, please let me know and we will arrange to meet at a convenient time.

Many thanks,

Mr Clark

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| **Maths**  This term our focus will be fractions, decimal number and percentages. We will be identifying the link between fractions and decimal numbers before looking at the relationship these have with percentages. The curriculum then moves onto a geometry focus before we study data handling before the end of the term. | **English**  Our writing this term links with our topic, Harry Potter. We will produce a narrative about a particular scene in Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone. The children will then be designing their own wand and producing a persuasive text to sell their wand in Ollivander’s Wand Shop in Diagon Alley. | **Art**  During this term we will be studying chalk art and producing a night scene of Hogwarts using chalk and pastel. |
| **Science**  We will be learning about plants and living things.  The children will look at adaptations to different environments, food chains and food webs. The water cycle will also be studied. | **RE**  This term we will be studying stories of creation. We will also study the Easter story. | **ICT**  During this term we will be using Excel to gain an understanding of how to use formula with spreadsheets. |
| **History**  We will learn about the invention of the steam engine during the Industrial Revolution period of history. We will also look at the positive and negative effects the Industrial Revolution had on people in this period of history and the impact it has had on today’s society. | **Geography**  Our focus this term is using a map and atlas effectively. We will study London, focusing on the location of London in the United Kingdom, Europe and its location on a world map. We will also study different landmarks in London and locate them on a map of London. | **French**  Building basic vocabulary  Developing confidence to speak French  Listening to spoken French and songs. |
| **Design Technology**  The children will be designing and creating their own sculpture using clay and clay tools. The sculpture will relate to a character of prop from Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone. | **Music**  The children will be singing a variety of different songs this term to prepare for the Horsham Music Festival. The theme of this year’s festival is ‘Hooray for Horsham’ | **PE**  Willow class will be learning gymnastics this term. They will also be beginning a dance unit based on Harry potter and the Philosopher’s Stone. |
| **PSHCE**  Our theme this term is ‘Living Long, Living Strong’. This unit of work explores different feelings and emotions that children may encounter, such as friendships and falling out with friends and the feeling of loss and bereavement. We will also explore the things that make us healthy by exploring how emotional feelings have an impact on how we feel and how our diet can keep us healthy. | | |

**Important Autumn Term Dates – (Letters to follow shortly)**

Tuesday 26th February – Music Festival Rehearsal Year 6 at Arunside Primary School (1pm)

Wednesday 20th March - Music Festival Rehearsal Year 6 at Arunside Primary School (1pm)

Thursday 25th April - Music Festival Rehearsal Year 6 at Arunside Primary School (1pm)

Friday May 3rd – Horsham Music Festival at The Hawth (7pm)

Thursday May 9th – Willow Class visit to Warner Brothers Studios

Monday 13th May – Thursday 17th May – Year 6 SATs