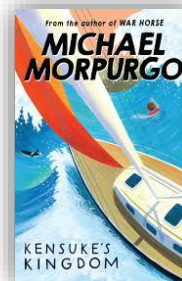




Willow Class Term 3 Newsletter Awesome Authors



Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and that the children are excited for another term of learning! This term, our topic is called 'Awesome Authors' and we will be reading a variety of books from different authors to widen our understanding of author's voice and experience different vocabulary. We will be off on an adventure with Michael Morpurgo to 'Kensuke's Kingdom'; immersing ourselves in the magical world of Narnia with the help of C S Lewis and bringing the term to an exciting and funny end with David Walliams' characters in 'The Midnight Gang'!

We would love to have some 'Mystery Readers' come in to share their favourite books with the class so if you would like to come in and read either an extract, or a whole short story, to the class, please do come and speak with us!

Homework	
Reading	Please read with your child at least three times a week at home and ensure it is signed and dated. A member of staff will be checking reading diaries on a Thursday and counting the minutes for miles!
Spellings	Spelling tests are every Monday and your child will be tested on the spelling pattern they had learnt about the previous week. The set spellings are also available on the school website.
Maths	Maths homework will be set on a Monday and will be expected to have been completed by the following Monday . Maths homework will be set on 'MyMaths' and the children have their logins stuck in the front of their Homework books. If your child(ren) find the task tricky, there is a revision lesson that they can use first. Parents are encouraged to sit with their child(ren) during homework and write a comment into their Homework book if they are giving support to inform teachers.
Times Tables	Children will learn their tables and practise these in school at least twice a week. Each child has a Times Table Rockstars login and should be practising their tables (either on this website or in another way) three times a week at home. The focus times table that each individual child is working on will be written into their homework books so parents are aware.
Grammar	Grammar homework will be sent home on a Monday and your child will have 2 weeks to complete this. The homework will be based on the grammar they will be learning within their literacy lessons. This should take around 40 minutes . To help with our in-class assessments, please indicate when you have helped your child.

Reminders – Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water; ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat for any wet weather.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Miss Hare and Miss Westlake

Useful Websites:

www.michaelmorpurgo.com

www.worldofdavidwalliams.com

www.lovereading.co.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zj44jxs

www.purplemash.co.uk

www.ttrockstars.com

Questions you could ask your child about their learning this term?

- Who is the author you are learning about now?
- Who is your favourite author and why?
- Which timestable are you focusing on now?
- Which symbols for electricity do you know?
- What has been your favourite part of the book you are reading at the moment?
- What have you learnt about Judaism so far this term?
- How do you read a map and grid references?

Dream
Big
READ!



'Awesome Authors' Learning Map



<p>Literacy</p>	<p>Michael Morpurgo: Kensuke's Kingdom</p>	<p>C S Lewis: Chronicles of Narnia</p>	<p>David Walliams: The Midnight Gang</p>
<p>Maths</p>	<p>Place Value and Calculation</p>	<p>Measure</p>	<p>Time</p>
<p>DT/Art</p>	<p>Creating landscapes using different media</p>		
	<p>Marbling</p>	<p>Silkscreen</p>	<p>Cold water paste</p>
<p>Geography</p>	<p>Maps and globes</p>		
<p>PSHE</p>	<p>Dreams and Goals</p>		
<p>Computing</p>	<p>Using Logo</p>		
<p>RE</p>	<p>What does it mean to be a Jew?</p>	<p>What can we learn from a synagogue?</p>	
<p>P.E.</p>	<p>Gymnastics</p>	<p>Swimming</p>	
<p>Music</p>	<p>Three Little Birds</p>		
<p>Science</p>	<p>Circuits and Electricity</p>		