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Willows, Oaks and Junipers

Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoy your Christmas break! This is an outline of the subjects we will be covering next half term.

Geography	Our Key Question for Spring is: What does it take to survive on an island? In Geography, the children will be learning about islands. Some close to home – the Western Scottish Isles where the Katie Morag stories take place. Some much further away – the Galapagos Islands in the Pacific Ocean.
Science	In Science, we will be learning about food chains in the Scottish and Galapagos islands.
Maths	In Maths, the children will be recapping two digit numbers as well as comparing them using <, > and =. We will then move on to addition and subtraction and looking at strategies to help find the difference and sort problems into which operation to use. We will look at money as well as fractions and recapping time. We will continue to complete mental arithmetic, which will focus on all four operations.
English	In English, the children will look at “Different Stories by the same Author”. We will focus on the Katie Morag Stories by Mairi Hedderwick and will be creating our own story in the style of the author. Please avoid reading any of these stories over Christmas, as we have planned some ‘prediction’ lessons in the first week back. Linking to our Science and Geography topic, we will be writing non-fiction reports on the Galapagos Islands.
PE	Gymnastics: Children will be learning how to make different shapes with their bodies and putting these into sequences. They will travel in different ways and apply this to the apparatus. Games: The children will be developing their dribbling, kicking and hitting skills.
RE	The children will be learning about what it means to be a Sikh, including the beliefs and practices that are important to Sikhs.
PSHCE	Next half term, theme for PSHCE in Year 2 is 'Family and Friends'. We will be focusing on developing friendship skills and valuing difference and celebrating the importance of family while recognising that there are different family patterns.
Computing	The children will be creating their own algorithms to direct a Beebot around an island. This will link to our map work in Geography. The children will also be learning more programming skills using 'Scratch'.
Art	We will be exploring different medias in art this term to create art work based around islands and the sea. This will build up to our ' Great Work ' where children will make an island with what they think is essential to be on it. These will be exhibited to year 3 who will judge the islands that they would most like to live on.
Music	The children will be exploring and learning how to play a glockenspiel. They will be developing their listening, improvisation and playing skills. This unit is purely focused on beginning to acquire the skills needed in order to play an instrument so will therefore remain fairly basic.
Trips/Special Events	Drama Workshop – Katie Morag: 17 th January 2019 Y2 Cake Sale: 28 th January 2019 Year 2 Scooter Training: 31 st January & 1 st February 2019 Willows Class Assembly: 7 th February 2019 INSET Day: 15 th February 2019

Reading at home should continue to be a focus. Children will continue to receive weekly spellings and have homework on a Friday. The homework book will be sent home to complete for the following Wednesday, ready to be marked. PE remains on the same days as Autumn term.

We welcome Paul Manuel to the team, taking over as the class teacher in Junipers.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Egan (Oaks), Samantha O'Sullivan (Willows), Paul Manuel (Junipers)