

Welcome to Willow Class



Information for parents
September 2020



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It has been a pleasure to welcome your children back into school this September.

Willow class teachers are Mrs Iacono, who teaches on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; and Mrs Hobbs, who teaches on Tuesdays.

The teaching assistant is Barbara Baleani.

General information



Drop off and collection for children is via the back school gate that leads onto the Rec.

Drop off time: 8.45am

Collection time: 3.05pm

If you have more than one child at Box, it is fine for you to drop off all of your children at the time of your earliest drop off but please collect each child at their class's allocated time.

If you need to get a message to the class teacher, please call the office on 01225 742663 or alternatively send an email to admin@box.wilts.sch.uk. The information will be shared quickly.

Clothing and water bottles



Please can all clothing and belongings be clearly labelled with your child's name. At this current time, we are not able to store lost property so it would be useful to reunite any strayed items with their owner as quickly as possible.

Please can your child bring a water bottle to school every day as they are not able to use the water fountains at the moment.



Mixed age classes and the curriculum

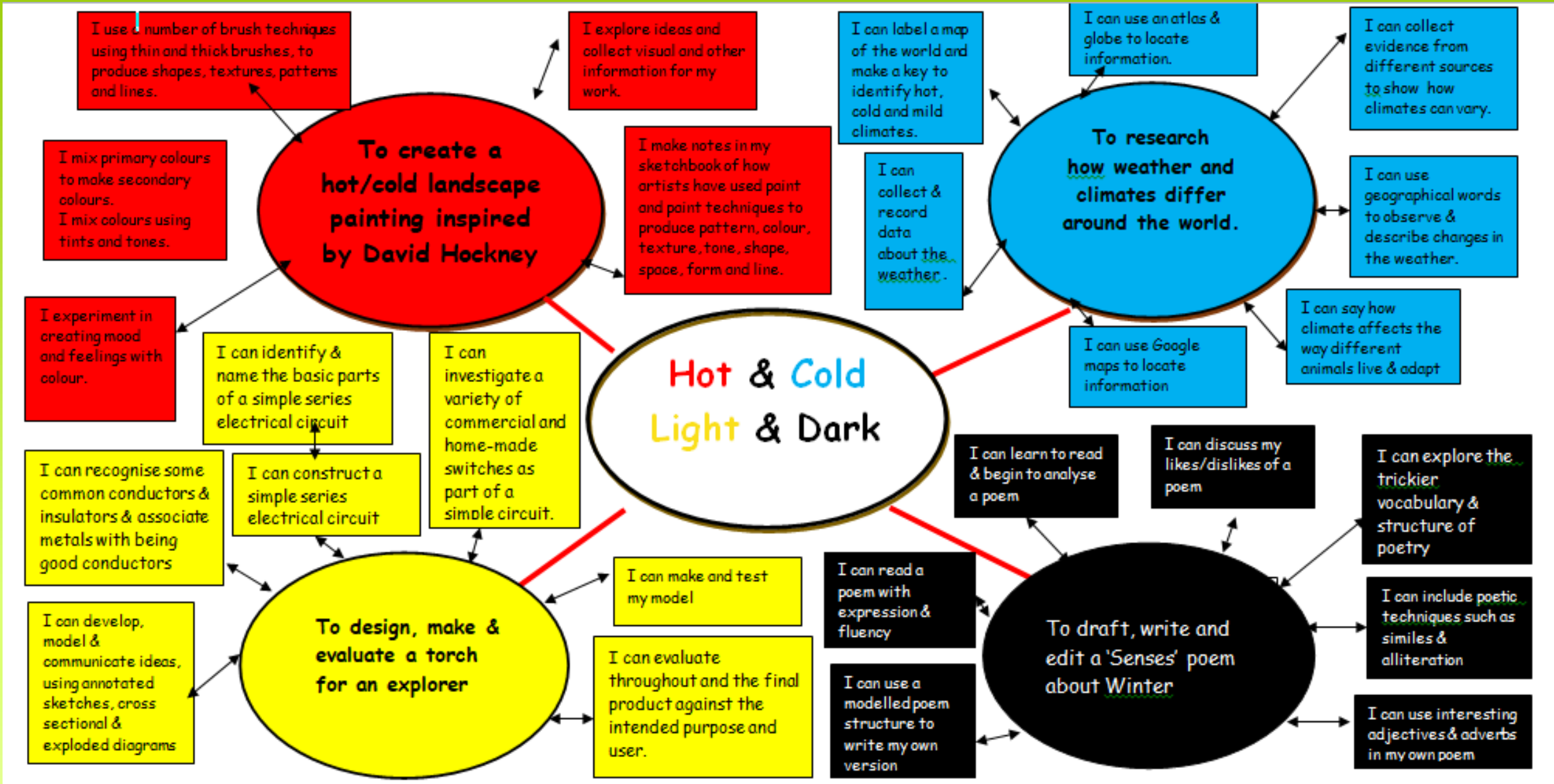
The children in Willow Class are made up of the oldest year 2 children and the youngest year 3 children.

They receive a broad and balanced curriculum based upon year group objectives from the National Curriculum.

We have a rolling curriculum programme which means that no topic is repeated in any two year cycle. Some key skills may be repeated to ensure that children are secure on the basics.

The children who were in Willow Class last academic year as year 2s are now a year 3 in Willow Class with a different curriculum and expectations.

This term's topic and key outcomes





Timetables

P.E. is on a Monday and a Wednesday. Please can your child only bring trainers/daps at the moment, not a full PE kit.

New spellings will be given out on a Thursday each week and the spelling test will be on Wednesdays.

Home learning will usually be set on a Friday to be handed in on the following Wednesday.

Reading records need to be completed every time your child reads at home. Year 3 pupils with a reading diary need to complete an entry once per week using the questions stuck at the front of the diary as a guide.

School Rules



- Follow instructions
- Look after each other
- Look after our environment
- Share
- Be polite
- Walk around the school
- Have fun

Class rules



- Make friends and let others join in our games.
- Be quiet when we are learning and others are talking.
- Help your talk partner with their learning.
- Put up your hand.
- Only leave your seat when an adult says you are allowed to.
- Be careful on the stairs.
- Listen at all times.

Extra Coronavirus Rules



- Follow our school rules
- Say goodbye to the adult bringing you to school at the rec. gate.
- Wash your hands as soon as you come into school, before you eat, after playtime and before you use equipment that other people will touch.
- Stay in your bubble at all times.
- Stay in your place in the classroom unless you are told you can move
- Keep your belongings on your chair or under your table
- Use the outside doors to the classrooms as much as possible and avoid using the corridors
- Only one person can go into any of the toilets at a time and only one person may queue outside of the toilet
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue ('catch it, bin it, kill it') and then wash your hands
- Avoid touching your mouth, nose and eyes with hands
- Tell an adult if you don't feel well.
- Bring a water bottle and packed lunch to school and only eat and drink your food
- Only play in the area you have been told to play in. Do not mix with anyone from another bubble.
- When you are not in school make sure that you complete your home learning

Reading



Please can your child have their book bag with them every day. When they have finished their current book, they need to put their book and reading record/diary in the box in the classroom for it to be changed.

A really important way in which you can help is to listen to your child read aloud regularly. Discussing the book, using the guidance in the front/back pages of the phonics book, or using the questions in the reading diary (for those years 3s who have one), really helps develop comprehension skills. The most important thing is that the children's love of reading is developed.

Home learning



Home learning will be set weekly and will consist of either maths or English. This will come home in the children's homework book and can also be found on the class page of the website.

You will find a copy of the home work policy on the school website.

In addition to this, children need to read regularly at home, practise their spellings and practise their recall of times tables and basic number facts – doubling/halving etc.

Getting in touch



Please do get in touch with the class teachers if there is anything that you are unsure about or if there is anything you or your child are worried about. Please do not let a worry turn into a problem. We are available to give you a ring most days after school; the exception to this is a Wednesday which is our staff meeting day.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Iacono and Mrs Hobbs

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