

Welcome back

I was fortunate to meet many parents during the open day last term but for those I was unable to meet, I just wanted to introduce myself. My name is Mr de Malplaquet and I am the new Year 6 teacher at Willowbrook. I have had a diverse range of experience in education and I am absolutely delighted to now be part of the wonderful Willow Brook team.

We have had a positive start to the year over the past few days. We have had a lot of fun getting to know each other and established our expectations of each other as a community of learners through creating a class charter. I have been very impressed by the mature, respectful and engaged manner in which the children have shared and discussed ideas with each other, and I am very much looking forward to our year together.

We have also spent a lot of time doing various quizzes and interactive activities so I can identify the children's many strengths and areas for further development. I am passionate about education and maximising the potential of all children and will work enormously hard to ensure that children supported, engaged and challenged in their learning.



Useful Information

PE in on Tuesday this term, please ensure that the children have their PE kit on that day.

I am planning a trip to the framework knitter's museum in Ruddington this term, so that the children can learn more about the prolific textile industry in Nottinghamshire before and after the Industrial revolution. More information to follow very soon.

Awesome Websites

Keen readers

Parents frequently ask me about recommendations for books. It can be challenging to find a good selection specifically aimed at year 6. Luckily, the Books Trust have a superb tool to help you out.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>

The tool allows you to select your age range, type of book then gives you your results.



Homework

Home Learning

Handed out Friday – Returned Thursday

Reading

We will provide your child with books from school to read at home. Please try to read as frequently as possible and sign the relevant part of the reading diary – thank you in advance!

Homework Book

Each week your child will bring home their homework book along with some pieces of homework to complete. For example, each week spellings will be sent home along with a piece of Maths and English. The tasks will link to learning we have done in school that week (or have recently covered). Spellings will be tested on a Friday too.

From Field to Factory

Autumn 1 Learning

To find out more about what we are learning this half term, please see the reverse of this letter.

If you do have any questions or concerns that I can help with, please catch me on the playground and I'll do my best to answer them then and there.

