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**We are Willow Class** Year 6 January 2020

Happy New Year! Willow Class at Middlethorpe Primary Academy are excited to continue with our new knowledge based curriculum, which places powerful knowledge at its heart. Each half term there is a different subject focus, with this half term’s focus being Art. To support children’s learning we have developed Knowledge Organisers for Art and Science; these aim to help children to retain and recall the essential knowledge that they will be taught. Each Knowledge Organiser includes key dates, people, vocabulary, definitions, events and contextual or technical information that we would like the children to know by heart by the end of the topic. Knowledge Organisers for each class can be found on the website and will also be sent home to enable you to support them in learning the essential knowledge. We expect the majority of children to be able to recall all of the information on the Knowledge Organiser by the end of a half term. Why not have a family quiz? Try asking your child to teach you ten things they know each week. There are many fun ways to embed this crucial learning! Follow us on Twitter to see what we are doing in class.

**In each subject we will be learning:**

Science: Living things and their habitats

PE: Interpretative dance

PSHE: Dreams and Goals

RE: Is anything ever eternal?

Music: Singing and guitars

D&T: Electrical systems

ICT: Coding: Scratch maths. Building with numbers

**SPRING TERM SUBJECT FOCUS**

We will be focusing on Art.

Our Enquiry question is:

How do artists express modern life?

We will explore artists’ work, find out about Pop Art and create our own piece of street art.



**English and Maths**

**English:** We are reading the book The Viewer, by Shaun Tan.

**Maths:** We are learning how to describe positions on the four quadrants and plot coordinates accordingly. We will then work on reflection, translation and rotation of shapes.

**Important Days**

Our indoor PE day is **Friday** and outdoor PE will be on **Monday**. Children need to have their kit in school all week please in case of any timetable changes.

It is important that we should all be reading 5 times a week. Reading Records are checked every Thursday. Reading books are changed independently by the children, whenever needed.

Spelling test is on a **Friday**.

Spellings for this half term will be given out as a termly overview and we will remind children which week’s words they should be learning in preparation for the test.

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