

This half term our topic is *Spring has Sprung.* The children will be learning all about the amazing changes that happen during Spring, including weather, plants and animals. Our artwork focuses on flowers, exploring the work of famous artists. We will also be learning about Easter and taking part in Easter celebrations.

The homework menu has been linked to our Topic work where possible and the children are encouraged to complete further work to support and enrich their learning within school. Some of the activities require adult support and we really do appreciate the time you take to support your child’s learning. We hope you will have fun together completing one or more of them!

We are keen to provide the children with as many interesting opportunities as possible and really do appreciate the support of parents and carers within the school.

Best wishes

The Willow Class Team

Sheriffhales Primary School



Homework Menu

Remember it is vitally important that you regularly practice your bread and butter homework - your spellings, letters and sounds, and number fluency. The menu is to enhance your skills and knowledge, and further your interests.

A delicious range of activities for you to choose from!

Choose at least one, but more if you are hungry. for Dojos!

Class: Willow

Year Group: Year 1

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Your menu:

**Maths**

* Water the plants. Explore the capacity of containers-Which can hold the most/least water? Use language such as full/empty, more than, less than, half full.
* Find the heaviest and lightest objects in your house.
* Measure and order the members of your family by height.
* Measure in centimetres some plants in your garden-Which is the shortest/tallest?

**English**

* Read for 10 - 15 minutes each day to or with someone else.
* Practice your weekly spellings.
* Draw a picture or map of your garden and add labels.
* Write signs for the plants and flowers in your garden.
* Write a story about a little seed who grows into a beautiful flower.
* Keep a diary for a week showing changes during Spring, for example a weather diary or a plant diary.

**Science**

* Spring is known for its rain showers-Make a rain gauge and measure the rainfall each day.
* Explore changing day length-find out what time sunset and sunrise is each day. What do you notice?

**Other subjects**

* Easter baking-Can you make an Easter cake or some hot cross buns?
* Help with some gardening.
* Investigate weather around the world-find the hottest, coldest, wettest and driest places around the world. Mark them on a world map.
* Create a piece of artwork called ‘Spring has Sprung’. You can use any medium-paint, collage, anything you like!
* Music to listen or make dances to: **Vivaldi’s Four Seasons-“Spring”, Edvard Grieg-“To Spring”, Frederick Delius-“On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring”.**

### Why a menu

Homework is set so that you get better at what you can do, and so that you learn new skills.

If we all have the same homework, it will be easy for some and harder for others. If the homework doesn’t appeal to us we will put less effort in.

If we have a degree of choice, we will take more pride in what we produce.

### The choices

The choices offered to you each term cover a range of subjects and link to the topic you have been working on in class

### The rules

You must select and complete at least one item from the menu. You can hand in your homework at any point during the half term in which it is set. You may do additional menu items and this will earn you dojos depending on the quality of your work.