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### **'Learning for Life' – life skills records of achievement**

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Willow, we focus on developing pupils' character and life-skills so our curriculum includes a range of opportunities for them to be successful in lots of ways, not just in academic subjects.

We have planned the curriculum so it helps to prepare the children for the next stages in their life and to help them become citizens who make a positive contribution to society.

Last year, we introduced the **Learning for Life Challenge booklets** for Years 1 to 6 and lots of our children worked hard to learn new skills, so the challenges have been given to them again this year to keep developing them further.

It's fine if your child completed them last year, we would like all the children to try to get even better or more independent with any life-skills they may already have. If your child has moved into Year 1, 3 or 5, the challenges are different to the previous year's booklet.

The booklets include challenges that will develop a range of important life skills for the children to complete at home and in school, as well as their core homework. We appreciate that this requires teamwork between home and school and we are very grateful for all the parents and families who will get involved with this to support your child.

**Core Homework** for pupils Year 1 to Year 6 includes:

- Reading five times per week
- Regular online maths challenges through 'Maths Shed' or 'TimesTables' Rockstars
- Regular Spellings sent home by the teacher
- Topic homework projects set by the class teacher, linked to the topic they are learning about.



The **Learning for Life** skills categories are:

- Self-Care and Organisation
- Environmental awareness
- Cooking and nutrition
- Money and fundraising
- Personal development including lifesaving and rewarding them for taking part in clubs and hobbies outside school
- Challenge themselves to know more about interesting people and themes through Willow's Graduate Programme.

<https://www.willowprimaryschool.co.uk/willow-graduate-programme-independent-study-resources-for-pupils/>

The 'Learning for Life record of achievement' booklets will be kept in reading planners. Every time they complete a challenge, children need to either bring the evidence of it to their teacher or upload it to SeeSaw. They can share a photo or any other evidence that they have achieved each life skill challenge.



Each child who regularly completes the Core Homework and all the 'Learning for Life' challenges by the end of the school year will join our Learners for Life, Hall of Fame. They will also be recognised through assemblies.

We would be very grateful if all parents and families take a look at the challenges and encourage and support the children to complete them so they are encouraged to learn the important life skills that we know will be useful to them as they grow up.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Sumner, Principal.