



Willow Class (Year 3/4) Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2024

Welcome back to a new academic year! In Willow class we have made a great start to the term and have lots to look forward to. Our newsletter outlines our learning for this term. If you would like any further information, please ask.

English	In English we will be retelling a fairy tale (The True Story of the Three Little Pigs). We will then be writing a story with a historical setting (Stone Age Boy). In GPS we will be focusing on using a range of conjunctions, adverbs, prepositions, inverted commas, verbs, pronouns and fronted adverbials.
Maths	In maths we follow the White Rose scheme. This half term we will be looking at place value and addition and subtraction. We will also be spending time learning and practicing our times tables using TT Rockstars and Club Maths. More details and resources are available here: Maths resources for teachers White Rose Education
Science	In science we will be trying to find an answer to the question- can materials change state? To do this we will be having lessons and conducting investigations into changing states of matter.
History	In History we are learning all about the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age. We will be trying to decide which period of time we would have preferred to live in.
Art	In Art we are creating our own prehistoric paintings linked with our learning about the Stone Age.
French	In French we are learning greetings and simple introductions.
RE	In RE we are looking at how all religions are equal and what makes some texts sacred.
Music	In music we will be performing songs in tune with expression and appropriate pitch.
PSHE	In PSHE we will be learning about families and our relationships with others.
Computing	In computing we will be learning about data and data logging.
PE	In PE we will be focusing on the fundamentals of movement. We will also be swimming!

Home learning

Children are expected to complete 2 assignments per week on Reading Plus. They are also expected to practice the spellings in their books and complete the task set for them on Spelling Shed. Finally, children **must** be practicing their times tables at home. Please ensure your child is playing on TTRockstars at least 3 times a week, as well as practicing any mistakes on their weekly club maths sheets.

Thank you for your support!

Our PE day:

Tuesday

Our swimming day:

Wednesday

We are reading:

The Boy who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd



Useful vocabulary

<u>English</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>Foundation subjects</u>
Stone Age	Partition	Prehistory
bronze	Order	AD
ancestors	Greater than	BC
animal pelts	Less than	gas
village	Multiply	solid
transported	Estimate	tone
Foraging	Round to the nearest	colour

Reminders:

Please ensure children are wearing the correct uniform and PE kit. The uniform policy can be found in the school newsletter and on the website. Please make sure any jewellery (including earrings) is removed prior to coming into school on PE and swimming days.

We will be doing PE outside for as long as the weather permits- please send your child with a jumper,

Please ensure reading books are returned daily so that children can also read in school!

Dates to remember:

18th September- Swimming starts

3rd October- Reading and times tables parent workshop

24th October- School photos

Useful websites:

Times Tables Rock Stars: Play (trockstars.com)	Spelling Shed - Spelling Shed - The Science of Spelling
Super Movers: Times Tables Collection (bbc.co.uk)	KS2 English free game - Grammar, spelling and punctuation for primary school pupils - Crystal Explorers - BBC Bitesize
Multiplication Quiz - Times Tables practice for year 4 primary (serveweb.co.uk)	ReadingPlus Student Login
Daily 10 - Mental Maths Challenge - Topmarks	spelling - Topmarks Search