

Willow | Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 1



English:

Our English learning this term is linked to our enquiry question, 'What is the difference between surviving and living?' We have chosen a text, 'King of the Sky' by Nicola Davies which touches on the themes of loneliness, belonging and migration.

Through this text, we will be covering the statutory elements of the Year 3 English National Curriculum.

Reading

We will be covering Year 3 reading objectives through our text, King of the Sky, including the skills of inference and prediction.

Spelling

This term, we will be recapping learning from Year 2 to ensure that we are secure on this. We will also be focusing on new Year 3 objectives, including using a dictionary and words with vowel suffixes.

History

The skills we will be covering this term are that of historical interpretation and enquiry. We will be exploring the invasion and settlement of the Romans through our enquiry question.

Geography

We will be learning about human geography, including types of settlement and land use and economic activity including trade links. This will link to our work on Roman settlements.

Science

Focusing on the 'survival' aspect of our enquiry question, we will be learning about food and nutrition and what it is that humans and animals need to stay alive.

UNCRC

Following on from our work on Roman settlement, we will be exploring other types of settlement including that of different types of migration and those seeking asylum. This links to whole school work on the UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child).

What is the difference between surviving and living?

The children will be producing an 'outcome' from this project - so watch this space for more details!



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The following subjects will be taught discretely:

Maths - Place Value - we will be covering these areas over this half term. We will also be concentrating on times tables in our basic skills sessions to try and ensure we know these back to front and inside out!

French - During this half term, children will be beginning to learn French greetings and all about themselves. They have really enjoyed these lessons so far!

P.E:

Monday PM - Gymnastics

Thursday PM - Games with Coach James

PLEASE ENSURE ALL P.E KIT HAS YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN, AND IS IN SCHOOL MONDAY-FRIDAY IN CASE OF A CHANGE TO THE TIMETABLE.

JIGSAW: 'Being me in my world' - In JIGSAW (PSHE), this term, we will be learning about how to find our place in the world.

RE - Sikhism. The children will be answering the question - 'Does being a part of the Khalsa make you a better Sikh?'

Home Learning

Throughout the term, children will be given spelling, grammar and reading tasks to enhance and embed their learning, as well as Mathematics and rehearsal of their times tables, using Times Table Rockstars.

Please see Mrs Mitson or Mrs Preston if you need to use the Kindles/computers to complete your home learning.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 26th September - Inspired through sport Team GB visit

From Monday 1st October - Chinese children visiting Year 3.

Thursday 4th October - Badminton taster session (in school time)

Thursday 11th October - Harvest Festival at Church

Thursday 18th October - Poetry Assembly

Friday 19th October - Last day of half term.