

## Willow | Curriculum Newsletter Spring 2



### English:

We will be using non-fiction texts looking at life in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We have chosen these texts as not only will we be able to find out more about changes that occurred during these times, but also practise the reading skill of retrieving information from a text.

We will also be looking at *Hamlet* as we are very lucky to be watching a performance of the play this half term. This will help us with preparation of our own performance to you all!

Through these texts, we will be covering the statutory elements of the Year 3 English National Curriculum for reading and writing, including, studying how language contributes to meaning and understanding, how to summarise a text and how to use paragraphs to group ideas.

### Spelling

This term, we will be:

- adding the prefixes super-, anti- and auto-
- words with the /eI/ sound spelt ei, eigh or ey

### Drama

We are excited to announce we will be performing an assembly to show how much we have learnt about the changes occurring in Britain between the Stone Age and the Iron Age. In order to do this we will be looking at how we can play and sustain a range of roles and respond appropriately to others in role. We will also be looking at how we can use our voices and bodies effectively.

### History

We will be looking at how and why Britain changed between the Stone Age and the Iron Age. We will be considering why humans changed from hunter gatherers to farmers, why structures such as Stonehenge were built, and how people lived changed. We will also be investigating how technology changed and the impact this had.

In order to be historians, we will be using the skills of analysing historical evidence, identifying causes and consequences and comparing lengths of time.

### Music

To further improve our performance, we will be looking at how music can enhance the experience. We will be exploring how music is created, and looking at the dimensions of music such as pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo and timbre.

### Dance

During PE we will be looking at how we can use our bodies through a range of dance patterns. This will help us in our performance whilst also helping us to develop our flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance.

Why do things change?



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The following subjects will be taught discretely:



### 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.

During this half term, we will also be giving the children some research home learning projects so please keep a look out for this. Sometimes, we will ask children to post their findings on our blog which can be found via the school website. We will send a Marvellous Me home to remind you that our blog has been updated.

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

**Maths** - Multiplication and division - we will be covering these areas over this half term, using mental methods and progressing to formal written methods. 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! Please help your child to practise these at home.

**French** - This half term we will be describing ourselves and others.

**P.E:**

**Monday PM** - Swimming

**Thursday PM** - Dance

**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:** This half term we will be thinking about how we can keep our bodies and minds healthy.

**RE** - We will be looking at the Christian Easter story this half term, thinking about forgiveness and sacrifice

### Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March & Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March- Parents Evening

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March-World Book Day

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April- assembly performance

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April- Easter Service at church

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April- end of term