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Design Technology:

Throughout this half term, we will be looking at the craft technique of sewing, stitching a stocking which they have designed themselves.

We will explore different sewing and decorating techniques as well as evaluate our final product.

Science:

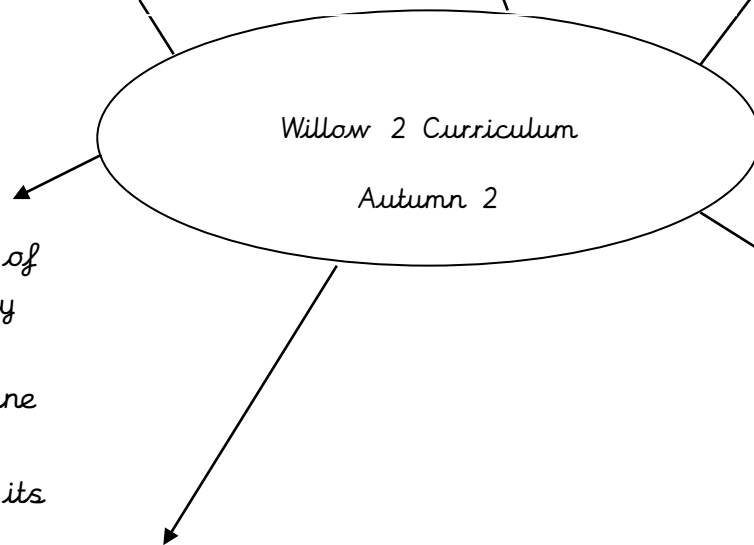
This term we will be studying three different states of matter: solid, liquid and gas.

We will be investigating how these change, including an in-depth look at the water cycle and the processes of condensation and evaporation.

Music:

This half term, we are going to learn different musical terminology, such as pitch and pulse.

We will be learning to sing together as a choir as well as how to listen and respond to a variety of genres of music.



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English:

Our English learning this term is based on two texts: *Ice Palace* by Robert Swindells and *Tales of Wisdom and Wonder* by Hugh Lupton.

Our writing outcomes for these texts will be our own short story and a retelling of a known story.

We will also be looking at a Christmas advert and focusing on language used, as well as building a detailed description.

Reading

We will be covering Year 4 reading objectives through our texts, concentrating on the skills of visualising and clarifying. We will look closely at the words authors have chosen to inspire and engage the reader which help us to imagine the world they have created, and how the presentation of a text helps us to understand its meaning.

Spelling

In spelling we will be focusing on Year 4 objectives, including using a dictionary to check meanings and looking at -ion suffixes, including -tion, -sion and -ssion. This will involve investigating the meaning of the suffix and rules on how to apply them to root words.



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The following subjects will be taught discretely:

Maths -

- **Place Value** - numbers to 10,000, including ordering and comparing 4 digit numbers and rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.
- **Addition and Subtraction** - formal written methods of + and - two 4-digit numbers.
- **Perimeter** - measuring and calculating the perimeter of a rectilinear figure in centimetres and metres.

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!

P.E:

Wednesday PM - Football (AFC Bournemouth)

Thursday PM - Swimming

Children need to come into school on a **Wednesday and Thursday** in their PE kit and need to bring swimming gear in on **Thursdays**.

R.E.: Christianity - This half term we will be focusing on Christianity through the key question - 'What is the most significant part of the whole of the nativity story for Christians today?'

JIGSAW: We will be following the PHSCE programme of study, Jigsaw. This half term the focus is 'Celebrating Differences', focussing on anti-bullying and celebrating diversity.

French: We will be studying the unit 'La Famille' (the family) where children will have the opportunity to listen, speak, read and write French regarding families. We will also be learning numbers up to 100.

Home Learning

Throughout the term, children will be given times tables and reading to enhance and embed their learning. This will be through Times Table Rockstars and Boom Reader. Purple Mash and Century may also be used to set additional tasks which you will be informed about via Marvellous Me. Please see Mr Rockstar if you have any questions about home learning.

Dates for your diary:

Swimming:

Every Thursday

Anti-bullying week:

W/B 14th November

End of term:

17th December