

Spring Two Willow 1

We hope you have all had a great half term break. We are looking forward to the term ahead. This newsletter will inform you about the exciting things that the children will be learning in Willow 1 over this half term.



English

We will be linking our English to our History learning, where we will first be studying the books 'The First Drawing' and 'Stone Age Boy'. Through these texts we will be learning how to use speech punctuation, adverbs to express time and place and how to use the present perfect tense.

We will then study non-fiction texts in order to learn about the features of good non-fiction writing. We will use these features to plan, write and edit our own non-chronological reports about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.

We are reading...



French

This half term we will be describe the four seasons in French. We will also learn to say which is our favourite season and explain why using the conjunctions 'et' and 'car'.



Maths

This half-term we will be learning about fractions:

- count fractions on a number line
- understand equivalent fractions on a number line
- understand equivalent fractions as bar models
- add and subtract fractions with the same denominator within one whole

We will also develop our understanding of length and learn about perimeter:

- measure in m, cm and mm
- compare, add and subtract lengths
- understand, calculate and calculate perimeter

Science

Our science topic is still 'Animals, including humans', but this half term we will be focusing on skeletons and muscles.

We will be learning to sort animals according to whether they are vertebrates or invertebrates.

We will also demonstrate that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.

Reading

This half-term we will be concentrating on making inferences about characters by using evidence from the text, using the context of a word to help us to understand its meaning and retrieving from a text using skimming and scanning.

All children will be expected to read at home at least three times per week and record this in their reading journal. Children will also be given opportunities to read throughout the week in school.



History



This half term we will be learning about changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. This will include:

- Who lived in Britain in the 'old' Stone Age? How did they survive?
- How did they feed and clothe themselves?
- Why they were nomadic?
- In what ways did things change around 4000BC?

DT

In Design and Technology, we will be learning about the mechanisms linkages, pivots, rotations and levers. We will be using what we learn about these mechanisms to plan, design and make a moving story book. This will include learning about different fonts and graphics. We will then evaluate our story books against our design criteria.

Computing

The children will use desktop publishing software and consider careful choices of font size, colour and type to edit and improve premade documents. Then they will start to add text and images to create their own pieces of work using DTP. Learners will look at a range of page layouts thinking carefully about the purpose of these and evaluate how and why desktop publishing is used in the real world.

PSHE & RE

The children will be following the PHSE programme of study, Jigsaw. This half term the focus is 'Healthy Me', focusing on how to stay fit, healthy and safe and how amazing our bodies are.

In RE this term, we will learn about Christianity, asking, "Why do Christians call the day that Jesus died 'Good Friday'?" We will learn what the bible says about Easter and how Christian people celebrate Easter, as well as why it is believed to bring hope.

Home Learning

Home learning will draw on basic skills and we will never send home anything that we haven't covered in class. All children will be expected to use TT Rockstars for times table practice and Spelling Shed for spelling practice. If your child struggles to use these at home, please let me know so that time can be provided within school for them to complete their home learning. There will be a subject to discuss at home and a termly project. Your Egyptian projects last half term were fantastic!

We will send weekly home learning expectations, as well as updates about your child's achievements via Marvelous Me, so please check this regularly. Home learning is set on a **Wednesday** and should be completed by the following **Tuesday**.

PE & Music

PE

We will have PE on Mondays and Thursdays. Children should come to school in their PE kits on these days.

On Mondays, we will be learning football skills with the AFC Bournemouth coaches.

On Thursdays we will be going swimming at Rossmore Leisure Centre so the children must have their swimming kits with them. All earrings should be removed.

Music

This half term we will be learning and practicing the songs for our performance at the end of the term.