

# Spring Two Willow 2

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to Marvellous Me. I am really looking forward to sending you updates on your children's learning and achievements. Don't worry if you haven't signed up, there is still time!



## English

**Little people: Big dreams**  
During this half-term, one of our class texts will be 'Little people: Big dreams - Billie-Jean King' by Isabel Sánchez Vegara.

We will be working towards writing our own biographies.

### The Selfish Giant

Another text we will be looking at is 'The Selfish Giant' by Oscar Wilde.

We will be working towards writing our own short stories.

Along the way, we will develop our inference and summarising skills as well as deepening our understanding of language and illustration choices.

We are reading...



## Science

This term we will be studying electricity. We will start by looking at different types of appliance and move on to recognizing, drawing and building electrical circuits using wire, a cell and a bulb. We will experiment by making our own switches and use our knowledge to problem solve.

## Maths

**Division** - we will be looking at division with remainders this half term in Maths which will cement our learning of the times tables and help us solve word problems.

**Money** - adding and subtracting amounts of money including change needed in different denominations.

**Decimals** - we will follow on from money to study decimals and compare these to fractions.

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, our French topic will be 'En classe in the classroom'. We will be focusing on the core skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing in French. We will also continue to learn about French grammar including (where relevant): feminine, masculine and neuter forms.

## Reading

We will be covering Year 4 reading objectives through our texts, concentrating on the skills of vocabulary and inference.

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 language, structure and presentation contributes to meaning.





## Geography

This half term in Geography, we are looking at 'Global Zones'. We will learn about lines of longitude and latitude including the Equator, Tropic of Cancer, Tropic of Capricorn and the Arctic and Antarctic Circles. We will discuss how these lines are important in our lives today. For example, how they affect navigation and technology.

## D & T

In Design and Technology, Willow 2 will be learning about programming and electrical systems. We will be using knowledge of electrical components to design and build a light-up box sign for advertising. We will have to think carefully about how to fit an electrical circuit inside our box and what materials to use to ensure light can escape in the right places.

## Computing & Music

Computing- This half term, we will be learning how to create media and be photo editors. In this unit, we will develop our understanding of how digital images can be changed and edited, and how they can then be resaved and reused.

Music- we will be learning to create simple melodies together using the glockenspiels.

## PE

P.E:

Monday PM -

AFCB Football

Thursday PM -

Hockey

Children need to come into school on a **Monday and Thursday** in their PE kit.

## Home Learning

Throughout the term, children will be given times tables, spelling and reading to enhance and embed their learning. This will be through Times Table Rockstars and Spelling Shed.

There will also be a project-based piece of work that children have longer to complete.

Details for home learning will be sent home with your child and will also be sent via Marvellous Me. Please see Mr Rockstar if you have any questions about home learning.

## RE & PSHE

R.E.: Christianity - In Religious Education this half term, Willow 2 will be learning about the key concept of salvation within Christianity. The key question we will be looking at is 'Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?'

PSHE: We will be following the PHSE program of study, Jigsaw. This half term the focus is 'Healthy Me' so we will be learning about the dangers of smoking and drinking alcohol, and also how we know when something is right or wrong.