

# Autumn One Willow 2

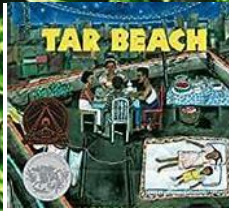
Welcome back to a brand new year at Bearwood. We hope that you had a fantastic fun filled summer holiday and that the children are keen to get started on their new learning. This newsletter is to let you know about all of the exciting things that the children will be learning in Willow 2 over the next half term.

## English

We will be using the book 'Tar Beach' by Faith Ringgold to write setting and character descriptions and prepare a playscript. This will also include role-playing sessions. We will be learning to choose nouns and pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion, as well as consolidating the punctuation we learnt in year 3.

In Writing, we will be learning how to carefully plan and draft. We will be learning to check spellings in a dictionary using the first 3 letters of a word as well as learning spellings from the statutory list.

We are reading...



## Spanish

We are learning the Spanish alphabet and learning phonics of common Spanish sounds and applying this to our speaking practice.

We will learn greetings and useful phrases as well as consolidating learning our numbers.

## Maths

This half-term we will be focusing on place value. The children will be learning:

- Column addition and subtraction
- Counting in multiples of 6,7,9,25,1000.
- Finding 1000 more or less than a given number
- Counting backwards through zero to include negative numbers.

Ordering and comparing numbers beyond 1000.

## Reading

This half-term we will be focusing on asking questions and making predictions as we read. We will also be learning to find the meaning of words we read using a dictionary.

All children will be expected to read at home daily. Children will also be given opportunities throughout the week to read in school. They could read school books, books from home, subtitles, lyrics, recipes, instructions and anything else that they would like to read.

## Science

Our Science topic this half term is 'Sound'. We will understand that sound is caused by vibrations, investigating these vibrations, and also finding out how these vibrations cause sound in our ears. We will be working scientifically to find out about sound waves, including how they travel and how their shape affects the noise they cause.



## History

Key areas the children have asked to learn about are:

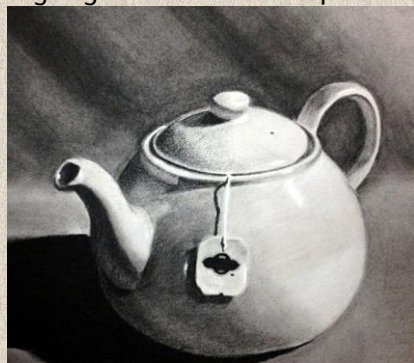
- The key facts about the Iron Age—recapping and deepening our understanding from Year 3.
- The start of agriculture during the Iron age and the implications of this for society.
- Religion during the Iron Age.

We will be looking at a local area study of Bearwood and asking why Iron Age settlers chose Bearwood.



## Art

In Art and Design the children will be developing their drawing by using line, shape, tone and composition to create still life pieces of artwork. We will look at how shadows and highlights can create depth in our drawings.



## Enrichment and Home learning

Home Learning to begin this half term is to read daily for 10-20 minutes and would be brilliant if an adult can listen to them.

Weekly practice of times tables, remember to use Times tables rock stars.

Spellings will be set each week.

## PSHE

The children will be following the PHSCE programme of study, Jigsaw. This half term the focus is 'Being me in my World'. This unit focuses on understanding their place in the class and rights and responsibilities



## Foundation Subjects

**Music:** In Music this half term, we will be learning to play the ukelele this half term. We will play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts as well as improvising and composing music. We will use musical notation and learn how to use this using ukeleles.

**RE:** In RE this half term, we will be learning about the relationship Jews have with God, analyzing beliefs and practices of Judaism.

**Computing:** In Computing, we will be learning how to use a range of tools for creating media and photo editing.

## PE

We have PE lessons every Monday and Thursday so please ensure that your child wears their full PE kit on these days. Please also ensure that their PE kit is **fully named**.

Thursday's will be the children's swimming lessons so please ensure they arrive to school with their swimming kit.