



Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn Term
2018



Willow Class



English

This term we will be studying Anglo-Saxon Boy by Tony Bradman. The children will compose diary entries, letters and narrative writing based around this text. They will be expected to use semi-colons, colons, dashes, hyphens and brackets in their writing. The children will also be revisiting the passive voice and they will be expected to use the passive voice in their compositions. It would help your child enormously if they can continue to read Anglo-Saxon Boy and discuss the story at home. The children will have a weekly spelling list to learn. They will also be expected to use Bug Club to develop their reading comprehension skills.

Maths

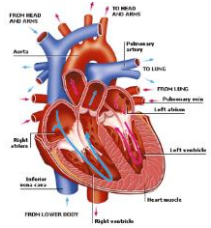
This half term the children will be investigating the place value of numbers up to ten million. They will be comparing, ordering and rounding numbers. The unit will also include investigating negative numbers; they will use negative numbers in context and calculate intervals across zero. The children will be expected to count forwards and backwards in different steps (including powers of ten), they will also be expected to read and write numbers to ten million. Please ensure your child learns and recites the times tables up to 12×12 .



Science

'Animals including humans'

The children will identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels & blood. They will recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function. Finally, they will describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals.



Topic

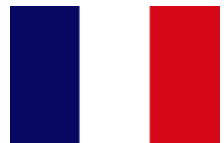
This term our topic is 'Invaders'. We will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons, Scots and Vikings.



The children will learn about the Roman withdrawal from Britain in circa AD 410 and the subsequent invasions from the Scots, Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. They will investigate settlements, place names, kingdoms, village life, art, culture and religion.

French

This half term the French topic is 'This is France'. The children will write simple sentences in French about neighbouring countries, French cities, Parisian landmarks, famous French people and nationalities.



PE and Sport

Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit (named) to school in a small bag; the children will be taking part in PE at least once a week. We recommend a pair of jogging bottoms in addition to your child's shorts so that they can be warm as the weather turns cooler. The children will need a pair of pumps for PE indoors and a pair of trainers for sports outside. The children will also be given the opportunity to join extra-curricular sports clubs, for example, basketball, football, netball and archery.



Reading

In Key Stage Two, reading is taught in daily English lessons and group guided reading sessions. The reading books your child brings home are to enable your child to further practise and consolidate his or her reading skills at home. With your support, your child will learn to read with confidence, understanding and expression. We would like you to support your child to read his or her home reading book every day, where possible.



The children are responsible for changing their own books, please indicate in the blue School Link Diary if the book has been read at home. Dojo points are awarded to children for reading at home. If your child reads other books at home, please add these to the School Link Diary to ensure that this captures a full record of your child's home reading experience, they will also be awarded Dojo points for this.

It is expected that all children log on to Bug Club at least weekly and that they complete the questions set, this will support them in improving their reading comprehension skills.

Homework

The children are expected to spend one hour on Mathematics and one hour on Bug Club each week. The children will also be expected to learn the times tables and spelling lists. The spelling test will be on Fridays (unless otherwise stated). New spellings will be given out on Fridays.



Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Preston
Mrs Neild