



Class Willow Newsletter

'We can and will succeed'

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Message from the staff: Welcome to all parents/carers to class Willow. We were very excited to welcome all the children back and introduce them to our class topic "Stone Age Rocks". We have lots of fun learning planned, including about what life was like in the Stone Age and creating artwork inspired by the Lascaux cave paintings. If you have any questions or concerns please come and speak to us.

Class Topic:

Our topic this half-term is 'Stone Age Rocks'. In history we will be looking at our big question 'What was life like in the Stone Age and how did it change?' During our history lessons we will look at Stone Age homes, tools and food.



In art, our key artwork is the Lascaux cave paintings. We will be annotating and making observations of the images seen in the cave paintings as well as discussing what they tell us about life in the Stone Age.

Science:

In science we will be learning all about rocks. We will be looking at the formation and properties of igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks.

We will also be exploring how fossils are formed and how weathering occurs.

Maths:

In maths we will be focusing on multiplication and division this term.

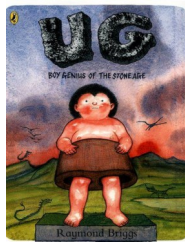
In Year 3 we will be learning and practising subtraction methods and then we will move onto arrays. We will also be learning and using our 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

In Year 4 we will be looking at the area of shapes then we will move onto multiplication and division facts.

English:

This half-term we will be reading 'Ug: Boy Genius of the Stone Age'.

This text fits in with our "Stone Age Rocks" topic and will allow us to further explore what life was like in the Stone Age.



VIPERS

In our reading vipers lessons we will be developing our vocabulary, inference, prediction, retrieval skills.

We will also be exploring specific vocabulary related to the stone age, using our dictionary skills to expand our vocabulary bank.

PE:

Children will be having PE twice a week. These PE sessions will develop skills to enable the children to perform different sports. This half-term we will be developing our hockey, football, tennis, basketball and netball skills.



PSHCE:

Our unit is 'Celebrating Differences.' We will be developing our understanding of differences and conflicts. We will be looking at how everybody's families are different and important to them. We will also be discussing what it means to witness bullying and how we can make situations better.

MFL:

This half-term we will be continuing to learn days, months and colours. We will practice responding to simple questions and begin to learn the names of some places which we may find in a town.



French

How parents can help at home:

We are focusing on reading and writing this year. Reading really accelerates children's writing so please read at home. Keep supporting your children with homework which is set each Friday. Children are encouraged to practise their weekly spellings and timetables on Times Tables Rock Stars.

Days/Dates to remember:

- PE is on Monday and Wednesday. Children will need to bring their school PE kit for each of these sessions.
- Homework and spellings are set on Fridays. Spelling tests will be on the following Friday.
- Please complete homework by Wednesday and hand in reading books by Monday.
- Please see the school calendar for important dates in November and December.