



# Willow Class 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 "Are all settlements the same?". We have lots of fun learning planned, including about what life was like in the Iron Age and creating DT work for pneumatic toys. If you have any questions or concerns please come and speak to us.

## Geography:

Our topic this half-term is "Are all settlements the same?". In Geography we will be looking at understanding what a settlement is and our local area to see how it has changed over time.



## DT:

In DT, we will be focusing on developing our skills and taking them to look at creating pneumatic toys.



## Science:

In science we will be learning all about forces and magnets and how things move on different types of surfaces.

We will be looking at the different types of magnetic forces and it's impact on various objects.

## Maths:

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

In Year 3 we will be learning to use our 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables to help us work out how to multiply a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number. We will be delving deeper into how to work out the perimeter of different objects.

In Year 4 we will be cementing our knowledge of multiplication and division facts and moving onto perimeter of different objects.

## English:

This half-term we will be reading 'Iron Man'.

This text fit in with our "Are all settlements the same?" topic and will allow us to further explore what life was like in the Iron Age to compare with 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 Iron 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 dodgeball, gymnastics and dance skills.



## PSHCE:

Our unit is 'Dreams and Goals.' We will be looking at our own goals and aspirations and what steps we need to take to reach those goals. We will also be understanding that set backs can actually help us and how we can overcome adversity.

## MFL:

This half-term we will be learning about how to describe members of our family using nouns. We will then hopefully be able to describe an alien at the end of the half term!



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 Tuesday and Thursday. Children will need to ensure they are ready with the correct shoes 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 Friday.
- Please see the school calendar for important dates in January and February.