



Willow class Newsletter

'We can and will succeed'

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Message from the staff: Welcome back Willow class. We hope you had a fantastic break and are feeling well rested. Year 3/4 had a brilliant start last half term, we have been very impressed by their hard work and enthusiasm. We have lots of interesting things planned for this half term, including an obstacle adventure course, world earth day, talent show and a multiplication workshop.

Class Topic: Antarctica and Shackleton's Journey

Our big question this half term is 'Why do people live in Antarctica?' and in this unit we will be exploring the human and physical features of Antarctica alongside how Shackleton mapped his adventure to Antarctica. We will be identifying the differences between Arctic and Antarctic climates and creating a fact file.



Science: Human Body

This unit 'Human Body' takes children on a journey where they learn how to: recognise the different food groups and why they are important; identify key bones in the human body, look after their teeth and why this is important; how to create a balanced diet for themselves and the different types of skeletons that animals have.

Maths:

In Maths we will initially be continuing with fractions/decimals and later moving on to Money and Time, with flashbacks including shapes and lengths.

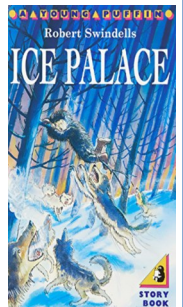
In Year 3, we will be focusing on partitioning fractions, recognising pounds and pence and working with calendars.

In Year 4, we will be focusing on using decimals in money and using a 24 hour clock!

English:

This half-term we will be reading the story 'Ice Palace' by Robert Swindell. In this book we will be following the story of a young boy who has gotten lost in the Russian wilderness.

Throughout this story, the children will: make predictions, summarise key events, write in role of a character and create a fact file about cold climates.



PE:

Children will have PE twice a week. We will be taking a closer look at running and sprinting techniques, identifying what our arms and legs need to be doing whilst sprinting.



PSHCE:



Our unit is 'Relationships'. We will be learning and understanding what we need to do to have healthy relationships. 'In My Happy Mind, we are moving onto 'Celebrate' module.

MFL:



This half term we will be developing our French vocabulary and learning jungle animals names and leading on to creating our own jungle story.

RE:

In RE we will be exploring how ancient stories influence modern celebrations



We will be looking at the stories of Hanukkah, Guru Hargobind, Prince Rama and exploring light festivals.

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 Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rock Stars.

Days/Dates to remember:

- PE this half term is on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**. Children will need bring suitable footwear in for these sessions.
- Homework and spellings are set on Fridays. Spelling tests will be on the following **Friday**.
- Reading books will be changed on Mondays.