



# Willow Class Newsletter

**'We can and will succeed'**

**Staff in Class:** Miss Lawrance, Mrs Kent and Mrs Chapman

**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 a trip to the Royal Armouries, Eid celebration, talent show and Sports Day.

**Class Topic:** Why do we remember the Romans?

Our big question this half term is 'Why do we remember the Romans?' and in this unit we will be exploring the Roman Army and why it was so successful and the impact that the Roman empire had on Britain. We will also be understanding who Boudica was and why they led a rebellion against the Romans.



**Science:** Sound

This unit 'Sound' takes children on a journey where they learn how sounds are made, how sound travels through to the ear, volume and pitch. Children will also be exploring sounds from near and far.

**Maths:**

In Maths we will initially be continuing with Money and time and later moving on to graphs, charts and shapes, with flashbacks including shapes, lengths and additions.

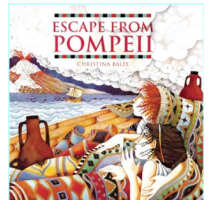
In Year 3, we will be focusing on time and Roman numerals later moving onto shape and time.

In Year 4, we will be focusing on graphs and charts and how these translate into data and information.

**English:**

This half-term we will be reading the story 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. In this book we will be following the story of two young children and their experience of living in Pompeii when Mount Vesuvius erupted.

Throughout this story, the children will: make predictions, research about Pompeii and the eruption and create an eye-witness account.



**PE:**

Children will have PE twice a week. We will be looking at our skills of different ball based games, creating and follow a simple map building on our orienteering skills and preparing for Sports Day!



**PSHCE:**

Our unit is 'Changes'. We will be learning and understanding what changes happy in our lives and in our bodies and how to prepare for them. In My Happy Mind, we are moving onto 'Appreciate' module.



**MFL:**

This half term we will developing our French vocabulary and learning how to describe the weather and ice cream flavours.



**RE:**

In RE we will be exploring how do Jews use stories to remember God's covenant.

We will be looking at Moses and his inspiration for Jews today and be able to re-tell the story of Exodus.



**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.