

Year 3 Willow and Rowan

English

In English we will be reading *The Abominables*, and *The Pebble in my Pocket* which will link with our science topic. Other texts we will use to support our English and foundation subject learning include *Stone Girl*, *Bone Girl: The Story of Mary Anning* and *The Street Beneath My Feet*.

We will continue to develop our knowledge and understanding of spelling, punctuation and grammar through the discrete teaching of different concepts, including the use of adjectives and verbs.

The children will either continue with their daily phonics learning or will be learning a new spelling rule in their spelling lessons. The focus words will also be available to learn at home on "Spelling Shed" over the internet. We will check these weekly at school.

RE

This half term we will be looking at Christianity and will answer the question 'What is the Trinity?'

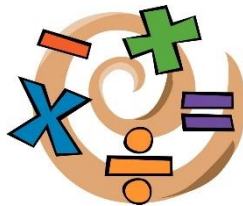
Bronze Age to Iron Age

We will continue our History learning by looking at the changes in Britain from the Stone Age, to the Bronze Age, through to the Iron Age. We will look at technological advances and how the lives of people changed throughout these periods. We will continue to develop our knowledge and understanding of chronology through the use of timelines.



Maths

In maths we are continuing with our addition and subtraction unit of learning. We will then move onto multiplication and division. Children will learn how to write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division using the multiplication tables that they know, including 2-digit numbers times 1-digit numbers, using mental and progressing to formal written methods.



Times tables

The children will continue to consolidate their 2, 5 and 10 times tables before starting to learn their 3 times tables after half term.

These should be practised at home daily if possible. The children can learn them in many ways including "TTRockstars", for which they have passwords. You can find these in their reading records. There are also many great songs on Youtube to which they can sing along to help learn the tables.

Geography

In geography we will look at different settlements including hamlets, villages, towns and cities. We will also explore why these different locations were chosen for a settlement and the benefits of living in the area.



We hope you had a lovely half term break and the children are refreshed and ready to learn. We have lots of exciting things to look forward to, especially with the build up to Christmas!

Science

We will learn about rocks and fossils in our science lessons. We will learn the three different ways rocks are formed and will compare and group them based on their appearances and properties. We will also explore soils and how it is made from rock and organic matter, and will explore the process of how a fossil is formed. Our trip to the Earth Science Centre will allow us to further our understanding of rocks and soils – more information can be found on ParentMail. We will learn about Mary Anning and how she became an important figure in fossil discovery.



Fruit



Fruit is not provided for Year 3 children as it was in Key Stage 1 and so please provide your child with fruit or vegetable snack for playtime.

NO FOOD CONTAINING NUTS IS ALLOWED

Art/Computing/ French/PSHE/DT

In art we will create a mixed media picture, including collage and printing, of a landscape scenery featuring scarren stones. In computing we will introduce animations and create our own stop-frame animations. We will continue to a variety of greetings in French, and in PSHE we will look at 'Celebrating Difference.' In DT we will be designing and creating cross-stitched Christmas cards.

PE

Monday – Class PE

Thursday – PE with Mr Croucher

Please make sure your child brings in their PE bag on Monday morning, which will be kept in school and sent home on Thursday each week to wash over the weekend.

PE kit should be provided for your child as follows:

- Plain black shorts or leggings or tracksuit bottoms.
- A red t-shirt or white t-shirt.
- Grey, red or black socks.
- A red sweatshirt or cardigan.
- Black plimsolls (daps).

No jewellery is to be worn on PE days. Also, watches will need to be removed for PE.

Mr Croucher will take each class for PE once a week and will continue to develop the children's fundamental skills and applying them to competitive games. During our class PE sessions we will be focusing movement patterns and dance.

Reading

We will continue to develop the children's comprehension skills by asking them questions about the texts they are reading. The children will also complete comprehension activities during English sessions.



Individual Reading

Your child will continue receive a home reading book for them to read. Please continue to comment on their progress in their reading records. Those who receive a RWI phonics book will have their book changed approximately every three days once they have finished the next book in their phonics lesson. For the children who are reading from the book band books or Year 3 challenge list; it is their responsibility to let us know when their book needs changing by putting it in the box at the start of the day.