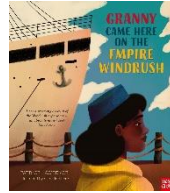


Year 3 – Willow and Rowan

English

Our text this term will be 'Granny Came Here on the Empire Windrush' by Patrice Lawrence. We shall learn about the history of the Windrush and write our own factual report on the Windrush Generation.



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

RE

In RE, we will be looking at how different faiths view spiritual, moral and social journeys, alongside the experiences that mark them. Children will be given the opportunity to think about their own life journey and how this may be different to other people's journeys.



History

This half term in History, we will be exploring the fascinating world of the Ancient Greeks. We'll learn where Ancient Greece was located and discover the differences between the powerful city-states of Athens and Sparta, including their famous rivalry. Our lessons will also delve into Greek myths and legends, helping us understand the beliefs and values of this influential civilisation - and much more!



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:

- Black shorts, joggers or tracksuit bottoms
- Red polo shirt or t-shirt
- St John's sweatshirt or red sweatshirt
- Black plimsolls or trainers



No jewellery is to be worn on PE days. Also, watches will need to be removed for PE and hair must be tied up.

This half term, our PE lessons will focus on developing running, throwing, and jumping skills in preparation for upcoming competitions. Year 3 will take part in the Frome Schools Olympics at Oakfield School and will also participate in our St John's Sports Day, organised by Year 4.

Times tables

Daily times table practice at home is highly encouraged. Children can use various methods, including TT Rockstars (passwords can be found in their reading records). YouTube also offers many fun and engaging songs to help reinforce their learning. At the end of Year 4, children will be tested on their times table knowledge, so regular practice now will help build their confidence and fluency.



In class, we focus on one times table at a time over several weeks to ensure a deep understanding and quick recall. We also teach the commutative law and the inverse relationship for each multiplication fact. So far, we have covered the 2 and 5 times tables and we have started the 3 times tables.



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We hope you had a great half term and the children are refreshed and ready to learn.

Science

This half term, we will be learning about animals. We'll begin by exploring the different habitats animals live in, then move on to recap the digestive system and teeth. To support our Science learning, we'll also be taking a trip to the Earth Science Centre later this half term.



Fruit

Fruit is not provided for Year 3 children as it was in Key Stage 1 so, please provide your child with a fruit or vegetable snack for playtime. No other food should be brought in as a snack.

NO FOOD CONTAINING NUTS IS ALLOWED



Art/Computing/ French/PSHE/DT/Music

In Art, we will be learning to weave and make clay pots. We will link this with our History learning about the Greeks. In Computing, we will be using Logo to explore programming by creating shapes that use repetition. In our French lessons will cover food. In PSHE, our theme this half term is 'Changing Me.' We will begin by reflecting on how we have changed since we were babies, before moving on to discuss the physical changes that occur during puberty. Please be aware that this topic may lead to questions or conversations at home. We will inform you in advance of when these lessons will take place. In our Design and Technology lessons, we will create our own smoothies that we designed last half term! In Music, we've been invited to take part in a special workshop leading up to the Frome Schools Singing Festival, where we'll have the exciting opportunity to perform at the Cheese and Grain!

Maths

In Maths, we will begin this half term with a unit on money, before moving on to time, shape, and finishing with a focus on statistics.



Reading

We will further enhance the children's comprehension skills by engaging them with questions related to the texts they read. Additionally, they will take part in comprehension activities during English lessons, guided reading, and phonics sessions.



Individual Reading

Your child will continue to receive a home reading book for them to read. Please ensure you comment on their progress in their reading records. Those who receive a RWI phonics book will have their book changed on a Thursday once they have finished the next book in their phonics lesson. For the children who have completed phonics, it is their responsibility to let us know when their book needs changing.

Homework

We would like the children to continue to read at home, daily if possible! They are able to access their weekly spellings on Spelling Shed and practise their times tables on TTRockstars. Only children who have completed phonics will have weekly spellings, however everyone can practise the common exception words on Spelling Shed.