



Willow Lane
Community Primary School

Year 3 Curriculum Letter

Key dates:

Visiting a cave: date to be confirmed.

What we enjoyed last half term...

The class earned their first marble jar reward this half term (they get a marble for various different ways of being brilliant) and they chose extra play time and dodgeball. Other rewards were also very much enjoyed, such as the red class trip, and the reading reward for our super regular readers.

In English, the class particularly enjoyed using powerful descriptive skills to create amazing shape poems. They used powerful adjectives, verbs and similes to create some amazing images.

In maths the children enjoyed developing their multiplication and division skills. They have learnt how to multiply and divide using their times table knowledge of the 2,3,4,5 and 8 times tables and then to build on to these to work with 2 digit numbers.

Many of the class have enjoyed improving their fitness in PE as well as all the mini-marathons and active miles we have done.

They have enjoyed developing their coding skills: programming apps and animations to respond when something happens or after a certain amount of time. Modelling with clay

Art has been a popular subject this year. The class enjoyed looking using Kandinsky to inspire their Christmas decorations and calendars. We have also developed painting skills, becoming much more proficient and mixing and blending colours. The children also enjoyed looking at a range of art inspired by food to create their own food sculptures using clay.

In science the children really enjoyed the hands on activities like holding real bones and examining them. As well as putting together a skeleton.

Finally, the performance of our Christmas songs was a real highlight for many of the children. Thank you for those who came to watch and listen, it was lovely for the children to have their chance to perform again.

Key vocabulary to learn and things you can do at home...

Start a rock collection—see how many different types you can find.

Build a model volcano

Key words:

Earth, core, layers, mantle, crust, fossil, ice age, tectonic plates, earth-quake, tsunami, glacier, cliff, erode, cave, limestone, sediment, coast, mountains, volcano, erupt, lava, magma, hunter, gatherer, farmer, shelter, protection, land use, migrate,

What we are looking forward to next half term...

Next half term, our topic is 'Rock and Roll' where we will be looking at rocks, all things stone-age, rock 'n' roll dances, and volcanoes.

I hope to visit Ingleborough Caves this half term, depending on the weather. Details to follow. The children are really looking forward to this.

They're looking forward to learning some shelter-making skills in our Wildlife area.

We had some great dance moves in our Christmas party, and many of the children are looking forward to learning some rock 'n' roll dance moves.

They are also looking forward to investigating rocks and digging for fossils.