



Last year, we enjoyed...

SPORTS! A vast majority of the children spoke enthusiastically regarding the variety of different sports skills that they had developed over the past 12 months: tag rugby, netball, athletics, swimming and basketball were all mentioned. The class also thoroughly enjoyed their science lessons on the properties of materials and their art lessons on abstract landscapes influenced by the artist Peter Thorpe.

They are incredibly excited about their upcoming experiences and learning, who knows what the next 12 months holds. The answer of course is simple, we do! 😊

This half-term, we are looking forward to...

developing and making new relationships as the children get to know their new teacher Mr. Cross and their teaching assistant Miss. Newton.

In our history lessons, we will be studying the Anglo Saxons and Vikings.

In our science lessons, we will be studying Light and how we see and perceive both objects and light itself, building on their knowledge from Year 3.

In art, we are beginning to study the work of Vincent Van Gogh and will be creating some brilliant drawings and painting based on his work.

Key Vocabulary

- pupil
- iris
- retina
- cornea
- lens
- optic nerve
- light waves
- reflection
- refraction
- spectrum
- plunder
- Valhalla
- Norse myths
- invasion
- priory/monastery
- Danelaw
- chieftain
- fortification
- unification
- heir

Important days and dates

Mrs Noakes will be teaching RE and Spanish each Wednesday afternoon.

PE for Violet class will be every Monday and Thursday, but children can wear an 'active uniform' all week. Please note, for the 1st half-term the children will be having tennis sessions at Lancaster Tennis Club.

Homework Expectations:

Spellings will be given and tested each Friday. Please ensure your child reads at home, accesses their Bug Club and Times Tables Rock Stars. Please record this in their communication books for us to see. On occasion, and if it will support and enhance the children's learning, additional homework may be set.

- 1st October – 1 night Residential to York
- 14th October – Open Day
- 21st October – New starter open evening
- 30th October – KS2 Halloween Disco (3:45pm – 4:30pm)
- **31st October – High School Application Deadline**
- 4th & 5th November – Parents Evenings (3:30pm – 6pm)

For more details on dates please visit the school website <https://www.willow.lancs.sch.uk/>

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact the school and get in touch.