



Last half-term, we enjoyed

Last term, the children enjoyed exploring *classic poetry* and letting their imaginations run wild through *mystery, adventure and fantasy stories*. They also developed their explanation writing skills and tackled key mathematical concepts such as *time, shape and statistics*. In science, they were fascinated by learning about *animals, muscles, skeletons and nutrition*, linking this knowledge to their understanding of how the human body works. They also enjoyed a variety of sports, from *dodgeball* to *outdoor and adventurous activities*, alongside creative projects in *art and DT*, such as making healthy snacks and creating sculptures of the human body. It was a rich and rewarding term that prepared them well for the challenges of Year 4.

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

This half term, the children will begin their Year 4 journey with an exciting trip to bring history to life as they learn about the Romans. In English, they will start with a *magazine article/infographic bridging unit* before moving on to an *adventure narrative*. In maths, the focus will be on *place value* and *addition and subtraction*, building strong number fluency. Science lessons will investigate *states of matter*, encouraging hands-on enquiry and exploration. In PE, the children will develop their skills in *dance, athletics, target and invasion games*. Across the wider curriculum, they will enjoy *painting self-portraits in the style of Henri Matisse*, learning about the *formation of rivers* in Geography, exploring themes of *relationships* in PSHE, continue their Spanish learning and begin studying *Hindu Dharma* in RE. It promises to be a term full of curiosity, creativity, and new discoveries.

Key Vocabulary

- Adventure
- Narrative
- Magazine
- Place Value
- Addition
- Subtraction
- States
- Athletics
- Romans
- Hindu Dharma

Home learning links

Science:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6p6qp3>

History:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwmpfg8>

Geography:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z7w8pg8#zhtybtq>

Important days and dates

- We have PE on a Tuesday Afternoon and Thursday morning.
- Mrs Noakes will be teaching every Friday.
- Spellings go home on a Friday and then are tested in school the following Friday. Please practise regularly at home as spellings are part of homework, please return the completed practice sheet on a Friday.
- Book bags and reading records need to be in school daily please.
- Bug Club and Times Table Rock stars should be worked on at home.
- For more details on dates please visit the school website
<https://www.willow.lancs.sch.uk/>