



Last half-term, we enjoyed

In our last term in year 4, we enjoyed reading and writing American folk tales, particularly Brer Rabbit. In maths, we loved developing our accuracy when solving calculations as well as learning about shapes and angles. In science, we learnt all about our teeth including the different types and functions as well as all about our digestive system. One of our favourite subjects was art and we absolutely loved creating clay sculptures of different kinds of food and then painting them. Another highlight was the summer fair which was fantastic fun. Swimming and PE lessons were always brilliant and we showed off our fantastic skills on sports day. Our favourite moment of the year was Hothersall Lodge where we enjoyed an overnight stay.

This half-term, we are looking forward to... We are very excited to be reading and writing all about the famous Harry Potter in English, including creating our own mythical beast. In maths, we are learning the place value and addition and subtraction of numbers up to 1,000,000. We will also be learning about equivalent fractions. Our exciting science topic is all about changing materials where we will be dissolving and separating a range of every day resources. In History, we are delving into the past and learning about World War One where we will be learning about the role of women and the changes in their lives that the war brought. In our art topic, "portraits" we are learning about the famous artist Jean Michel Basquiat and creating work in his style. In music, we are learning the music of Bon Jovi with Living on a Prayer. On Fridays, we are excited to go swimming again.

Key Vocabulary

- Change of state
- Dissolve / solution
- Reversible / non-reversible change
- Conflict
- Women's Land Army
- Commonwealth
- Diversity
- Hues, tints and shades
- Contouring
- Globalisation
- Trade

Home learning links

Science:

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

History:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqhyb9g>

Geography

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zx72pv4/a>

Important days and dates

- We have PE on a Thursday morning
- Friday afternoon we will be swimming.
- Mrs Noakes will be teaching every Tuesday afternoon.
- 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 communication books need to be in school daily please
- Bug Club and Times Table Rock stars should be worked at home
- Please ensure your child includes what they have read at home, their Bug Club and TT Rock stars in their communication books for us to see
- Parent drop-ins 17th and 24th September
- Willow Lane open day 15th October
- Halloween disco 30th October 3.45-4.30
- For more details on dates please visit the school website
<https://www.willow.lancs.sch.uk/>