



Last year, we enjoyed...

our amazing trip to Dynamic Earth, in Edinburgh, Scotland! We loved learning about the solar system in our science topic and this was such a great experience to bring it all to life.

Another great experience was Mrs Dowson's Farm, near Preston, where we had the pleasure of taste-testing different ice-cream flavours and discovered a love for pear drop, banoffee and coffee flavour!

As part of our design and technology learning, we enjoyed making marble runs, after weeks of deliberating over the best materials, use of gravity and forces and design ideas. We then had the pleasure of playing with y1!

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

making new friends! There are 3 new children, who have joined Violet class this year, and we look forward to making them feel welcome.

In our history lessons, we are studying the Anglo Saxons and Vikings, and later in the year, we will look forward to baking some traditional bread.

In geography, we will be studying climate change – the causes and impact on the countries of the world.

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

- sustainable,
- greenhouse gases,
- carbon dioxide,
- methane,
- greenhouse effect,
- climate change,
- global warming/heating,
- renewable,
- non-renewable,
- emissions
- runes
- raid
- saga

Important days and dates

Mrs Noakes will be teaching each Thursday.

PE for Violet class will be every Tuesday and Thursday, but children can wear an 'active uniform' all week.

Homework expectations: One double-sided sheet of maths and English homework will be given out each Friday – to be returned the following Friday. Five spellings will be given and tested on each Friday. Please ensure your child includes what they have read at home, their Bug Club and Times Tables Rock Star use in their communication books for us to see.

- 17th Sept – Individual and sibling photos
- 17th and 24th – Settling In Meetings (3:30 – 5pm)
- 4th October – Flu Vaccinations
- 14th October – Viking Baking and Quiz Evening (3:30pm)
- 15th October – Open Day
- 30th October – KS2 Halloween Disco (3:45pm – 4:30pm)
- **31st October – High School Application Deadline**

To prepare for high school, Mrs Lewis encourages Y6 to organise themselves by writing key information in their own communication books, such as up-coming events. This is to help develop skills, such as organisation, and make sure they are ready for greater independence next year.

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