



Where Every Child is a
Candle Waiting to be Lit

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Willows Curriculum Term 1 2023-24

Dear Parents

Welcome back everyone. I'm so excited to be teaching Willows this year, getting back my lovely Year 4s and welcoming the new Year 3 children. It's going to be a great term. Our theme this term is 'We will, we will ROCK YOU!' as the focus throughout the curriculum is Rocks and Stones!



Starting with **Science**, we'll be looking at how rocks, fossils and soils are formed, the different types we find and why all three are important. This ties in with our **History** topic of Prehistory, as we trace British civilisation from the Stone Age through the Bronze Age and into the Iron Age, culminating with learning about Stonehenge and Avebury, hopefully with a trip to bring our learning to life.

(More on that soon!).

In **English**, we'll be starting with a unit of work based on the book 'Stone Age Boy'. We have two class reads to take us all the way to Christmas. In Extended Reading lessons, we'll be reading 'Stig of the Dump' together and the class read (just for joy) is 'The Abominables' by Eva Ibbotson.

In **Maths**, we start by going back to place value, which is crucial for a deep understanding of number. The Year 3s will be counting in steps of 10, 50 and 100 from any given number and will then go onto geometry for the end of the term. Year 4s will look at rounding up and down to the nearest 10 and 100, will discover negative numbers and will also finish with geometry.

A key focus for Willows class is always **Times Tables**, as Year 4s have their Times Tables check at the end of the year. Therefore, we'll be practising our times tables daily, focusing on our 2, 10 and 5 times tables this term before tackling trickier ones after half-term.



In **RE**, we're studying Hinduism with a focus on Diwali, looking at how celebrating festivals builds a sense of belonging within a community. In **Music**, we're also looking at how music brings people together and in **IT**, we'll be studying the idea of networks and how they're linked. For **French**, we're going to look at basic introductions, the months of the year and when our birthdays are. In Willows, French includes reading and writing, which will be new to Year 3.



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Art echoes our Rocks theme as the Willows explore cave painting. In PSHE, we'll be discussing our relationships and how we build good friendships and wider relationships.

PE this term is on a **Monday and a Wednesday**. Monday is swimming, so your child needs to bring their swimming kit ready to go. PE on Wednesday is football – please send your child to school in school uniform and they will get changed in school.



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Reading

Children will be issued with reading books, reading records and reading folders in the first few days of term. These need to go home each day and come back in each day. PLEASE read with your child – it's the one thing that's proven to improve academic achievement and it's also such a joy as a parent!!

Homework

These are the homework expectations for Willows. They're not onerous but they're crucial for progress.

- Read for 15 mins 4 x weekly.
- Times Table Rock Stars for 15 mins 4 x weekly.
- Topic-based homework.

For the topic-based homework, I would like your child to research something from the Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age and produce something as a result. It could be a painting, a report, a model. They might like to investigate Barbury Castle or make a flint spear. They might look into prehistoric cave painting in Europe or write a short story about a Stone Age man. I'm happy to advise if you need some ideas.

As ever, I'm around at the end of every school day for parents to have quick chats, or you're always welcome to organise a specific time for a deeper conversation by speaking to the office or emailing via letters@ogbourne.excalibur.org.uk.

Best wishes,

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Year 3 Term 6

Number of children

9 children play tennis

65 children play piano

65 children play guitar

Instrument played

flute	guitar
piano	

Number of children

Sport	girls	boys
tennis	5	3
netball	4	7
football	8	6
rugby	6	8

4 girls play netball

8 - 6 = 2
2 more boys than girls play rugby

dogs 4 + 4 + 4 = 12 people own dogs

cats 4 + 4 + 2 = 10 people own cats

micke

rabbits

32 people were asked in total

45mm

90mm

135mm

C is three times as long as A
A is half as long as B

Perimeter of a shape is the total distance around the outside of the shape

Perimeter = 4 + 5 + 3 = 12cm

Perimeter = 38 + 24 + 38 + 24 = 124mm

The angle is the amount of turn

The angle is less than a right angle

The angle is more than a right angle

One right angle makes one quarter turn

2 right angles make one half turn

3 right angles make three quarters of a turn



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Year 4 Term 1

Quadrilaterals are shapes with 4 straight sides

parallelogram - opposite sides parallel

rectangles - 4 right angles

squares

rhombus - 4 equal sides

Trapezium - exactly one pair of parallel sides

Kites - 2 pairs of equal adjacent sides

Triangles

Equilateral Triangles - 3 equal sides

Isosceles Triangles - 2 equal sides

Scalene Triangles - all sides different

Equilateral triangles have 3 equal sides and 3 equal angles. Isosceles triangles have 2 equal sides and 2 equal angles. Scalene triangles have 3 unequal sides and 3 unequal angles.

Place Value Chart

1000s	100s	10s	1s
1000, 1000, 1000	100, 100	10, 10, 10	1, 1, 1, 1

3 three thousand, two hundred and forty-five
3 thousands, 2 hundreds, 4 tens and 5 ones

Number Line

negative 0 positive

Ordering Numbers

In order from smallest to largest

2987, 5994, 6080

4261, 4406, 4540

Stop and look! What do you notice?

1000 less 1000 more

1000 less than 3245 is 2245 1000 more than 3245 is 4245

Rounding

5 or more - round up
4 or less - round down

Round to the nearest ten: 6538 → 6540

Round to the nearest hundred: 6538 → 6500

Round to the nearest thousand: 6538 → 7000