

How did people live in the past?

Willow Class

Term 3 2018

Our learning this term:

Our topic work will have a historical and geographical focus.



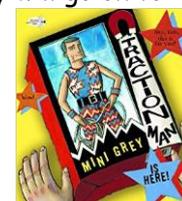
We will be exploring how people lived in the past, looking at a range of household objects. Our learning will be enriched with a trip to St. Fagan's, where we will visit lots of different houses from various times in history. We will also be taking part in a 'washday' workshop.



When we get back from our trip to St. Fagan's, the children will explore aerial photographs and OS maps of the local area and will draw their own maps using keys. They will carry out a house survey of Flax Bourton, noticing the different types of houses that people live in. The children will then 'zoom out' and consider their home in the context of the wider world- learning key facts about the countries that form the United Kingdom.

In English, we will begin by looking at the traditional tale 'The Three Little Pigs'. The children will explore the story in a variety of texts, including a play, a revolting rhyme and from the perspective of the wolf. They will go on to write their own versions of the tale.

During the second part of the term, the focus text will be 'Traction Man', a story about an Action Man type character who 'defeats' household objects. The children will be learning to use conjunctions to make their writing more interesting and to accurately use apostrophes.



In Maths, the children will be exploring multiplication/division and statistics. In these areas, the children will apply their learning to problem solving in the context of word problems, investigations and reasoning activities.

In R.E. we will be focussing on Islam and exploring the question 'Does praying at regular intervals every day help a Muslim in his/her everyday life?'

We will be developing the children's understanding of programming and algorithms through our work in Computing and in Esafety the children will learn that the information they put online leaves a digital footprint or "trail." They will then explore what information is appropriate to be put online.

Bits and Bobs:

Reading Books: Please continue to read at home and encourage your child to change their book when needed.

Trips: On **Thursday 25th January** we will be going on a trip to **St. Fagan's** in Wales. A separate letter with more information will be sent via Parentpay. We will also be carrying out a survey in **Flax Bourton** on **Monday 29th January**. Please let us know if you are able to come with us on either of these trips!

Homework: **This term**, homework will be **sent home on a Thursday**. Please help your child to remember to bring it to school the following Wednesday. Please take the time to talk with your child about the weekly spelling focus (as this term is only 5 weeks, week 6 will be carried into Term 4).

PE: Our PE days this term will be Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child has a complete PE kit (including daps/trainers) in school. They will also need jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt/hoodie for the colder months.

Wellies: Please can you provide a pair of wellies for your child for use in school as our temporary play surface gets messy! All children will need to wear their wellies during playtimes.

Help: We are always keen to welcome parent helpers into Willow to hear readers. If you are able to commit some time, please speak to one of the Willow Team.

Thank you for your support, please do not hesitate to come and see us if you have any queries.