



Willow Newsletter

Autumn Term 2022



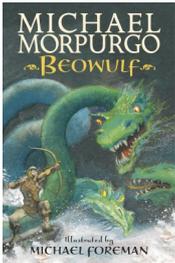
Welcome to your new class! I am so excited to be your teacher and welcome you into 'Willow' class! This newsletter will tell you all about what to expect in your first term in year 4..

Learning This Term:

We have a fantastic term planned Children will learn about what the term settlement means and what physical geographical features are beneficial for a settlement. They will also begin to locate and identify the names of the majority of the countries throughout Europe, in particular some that are linked to the Anglo-Saxons. Pupils will think about settlers through the lens of refugees and begin to understand the concept of displacement. They will consider the big question “**How do we build a sustainable and inclusive community?**” Children will build on their knowledge of places within the UK by continuing to learn about the different regions of the UK and key characteristics. Linked to this, we will research how people make settlements around a source of water, which connects very well to our **history** focus: **The Anglo-Saxons, Vikings & Scots settlement in Britain**. We will be following historical enquiries to investigate how they contributed to the culture and ways of life of the country.

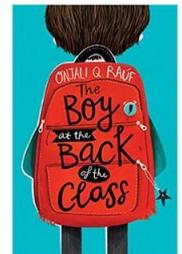
In **Science**, we will be focusing on researching our digestive systems and how important it is to look after our teeth, as well as investigating the difference between solids, liquids and gas. In **RE**, we will be focusing at first on the religions of Hinduism and Islam; we will have opportunities to explore important objects and festivals linked to these two religions.

In Art we will explore the artist Claude Monet and create artwork in response to this.



Class Books:

We have some really great books to help inspire our reading and writing skills for this term. These include: ‘**The Boy at the back of the Class**’ by Onjali Q Rauf, ‘**The Ice Palace**’ by Robert Swindels, and a version of the famous folk tale ‘**Beowulf**’ written by Michael Morpurgo.



PE— On a Thursday

PLEASE ensure that your child remembers to bring their **FULL** PE kit. Children will be going outside when possible and will need outdoor footwear and suitable clothing for the weather. It is very important that children take part in PE and that their attendance is not impacted by piercings or lack of appropriate kit.

Home Learning

Please continue to support your child with home learning. This term’s home learning is on the inside front cover of the home learning book. Copies of passwords to GoRead, Purple mash and Spelling/Grammar shed will be shared.

Water

Could you also ensure your child has a water bottle in school, as keeping hydrated is important and does impact positively on pupils’ learning. It is helpful if they have a sports cap top to reduce spills. Thank you

Our **Hook Day** will be on **Thursday 15th September** The learning will focus on the historical enquiry “What was life like in Anglo-Saxon Britain and children are invited to dress linked to this period in History if they would like to.

Reading Breakfast: Join us to share the love of reading and key stage 2 reading skills on **Wednesday 21st September 9:00— 9:30 am**

We look forward to seeing you in September!
Mrs Hill and Support Team

