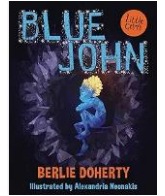


Willow Class Term 3 Newsletter



'What makes rocks beautiful?'

Dear Willow Class families,

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope you all had a wonderful break over Christmas. We're excited to get going again this term with a brand new topic – What makes rocks beautiful? We will be creating an explanation text based on 'When the Giant stirred' by Celia Godkin and learning about different types of rocks and how they are formed. We will be reading 'The Pebble in my Pocket' to discover the journey of a pebble from 480 million years ago to the present day during Guided Reading sessions. This term we also begin our swimming lessons, which will take place on Tuesday afternoons until the Easter holiday.

Homework

Reading	Please read with your child at least three times a week at home and ensure that their reading record is signed and dated by an adult. A member of staff will be checking reading diaries on a Thursday. The children are doing incredibly well on Lexia, so thank you for all your support with this at home.
Maths	Maths homework continues to be set weekly. This term all maths homework will be a sheet that is stuck in their homework books.
Times Tables	Each child will have a Times Table Rock stars login and should be practising their tables (either on this website or in another way) three times a week. The children are making great progress with this!
Spellings	Spelling tests are on a Friday. Children are able to choose either from the Blue or Purple group each week depending on the difficulty of the spellings.

Questions you could ask your child about their learning this term:

- What is a sedimentary/metamorphic/igneous rock?
- How are fossils formed?
- Have you got any goals for the future? How will you achieve these?
- What happens in a disaster zone?
- How do earthquakes happen?
- What Hindu practices have you learnt about?

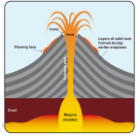
Key Topic Vocabulary

Igneous sedimentary fossil metamorphic volcano lava magma
 natural disaster earthquake measure healthy ambition communicate
 purpose

Reminders – Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water; ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat for any wet weather. Our PE day continues to be Mondays.

Many thanks for your support,

Miss Surtees, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Champion



What makes rocks beautiful? - Learning Map

<p>Literacy</p>	<p>When the Giant Stirred Explanation text</p>	<p>Lava Narrative</p>	<p>Valerie Bloom Poetry</p>										
<p>Maths</p>	<p>Multiplication and Division</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <th>Tens</th> <th>Ones</th> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td>●●●●</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td>●●●●</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td>●●●●</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td>●●●●</td> </tr> </table>		Tens	Ones		●●●●		●●●●		●●●●		●●●●	<p>Length, perimeter and area</p>
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<p>D.T</p>	<p>Cooking</p>												
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<p>PSHE</p>		<p>Dreams and Goals</p>											
<p>Computing</p>	<p>Writing for different purposes</p>												
<p>RE</p>	<p>What does it mean to be Hindu in Britain today?</p>												
<p>French</p>	<p>Je peux... (I am able...)</p>												
<p>Music</p>	<p>Learning an instrument</p>												
<p>P.E.</p>	<p>Dance Swim</p>												