

Willow Class Newsletter - March '22

Welcome back to another half term! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support whilst settling into the school. The children are fabulous, and we have had a great start together! If you ever have any questions, I am always available at drop off in the morning, or on the playground at the end of the school day. You can also get in touch via the school office (julie.carter@littleaton.derbyshire.sch.uk or 01332 831471).

Topic

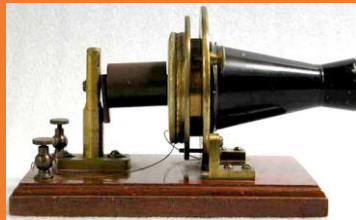
Our topic this half term is **British Inventors and Scientists**. In this topic, we will be looking at historical figures whose inventions have shaped our world.

World Wide Web



Tim Berners-Lee

Telephone



Alexander Graham Bell

Reinforced Concrete



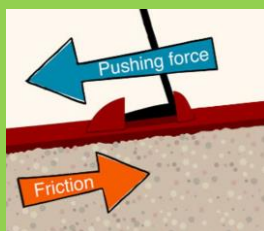
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We will also look at how other inventions have impacted the world.

Science

In Science this half term, we will be learning about **Forces**. This will involve learning about friction, air resistance, water resistance and gravity. We will learn about the forces and how they affect everyday life through practical investigations.

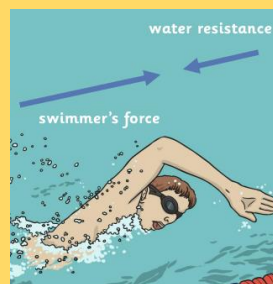
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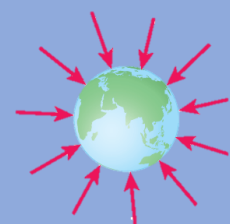
Air Resistance



Water Resistance



Gravity



Design and Technology

We will be using the first week of the term to make the greatly anticipated **cushions**. For the rest of the half term, we will be learning about **gears, pulleys and levers**.

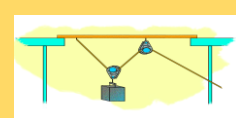
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Levers



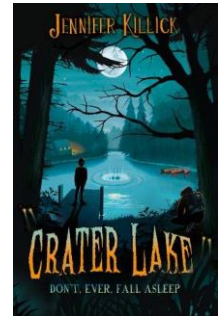
Pulleys



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English

In English, we will be focusing on writing instructions, biographies and explanation texts this half term. This will involve learning from example texts, understanding key features and then using all this knowledge to write our own versions.



We will continue to read our class book of **Crater Lake**. Then we will have a class vote on our next book – any recommendations are always welcome!

Maths



Throughout this half term, the children will be learning about decimals and percentages. We will continue to practise times tables, which would be great to practise at home too.

Other Subjects

- **Forest Schools/Computing and RE** – The groups will swap this half term. Children who are in forest school will need to bring a change of clothes and suitable outdoor shoes. The Computing group will be tailoring their videoing and editing skills.
- In **Music** we will be studying the theme song 'Fresh Prince of Bel Air' and creating some awesome tunes.
- In **R.E.**, the children will be considering the question *What would Jesus do?* This will involve discussing whether society can we live by the values of Jesus in the 21st century?



- **P.S.H.E**, this half term, will focus on the future and think about what we might like to be when we grow up!
- Mrs. Schumann will continue to teach **French** on a Thursday afternoon.

Weekly Routines

- **Swimming** – Swimming will continue to be on **Monday mornings**, from **Monday 7th March 2022**, throughout the half term.
- **P.E.** – We will be doing gymnastics this half term. P.E. will continue to be on a **Wednesday afternoon**.
- **Spelling Tests** – Spellings have been handed out for the half term. The spelling tests will be on a **Friday morning**.
- **Homework** - Homework will be handed out on a **Friday** and collected in on a **Wednesday**.
- **Reading Journals** – Reading journals will be collected in on a **Wednesday** to be checked.