



# Willow



**AUTUMN 1 NEWSLETTER 2024**

Welcome to Year 4 and to Willow Class!  
I hope you all had a good break and got to spend some time with the people you love.

We have an exciting half term ahead. In History we will be investigating the Roman Empire and the impact these invaders had on Britain.

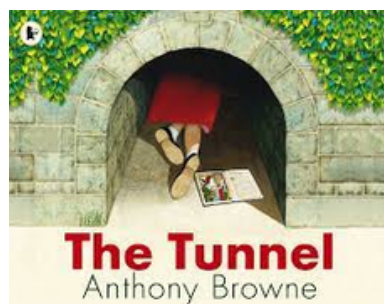
In Science, we will be learning all about the properties of sound, how sounds are made and how they travel.

We begin R.E. with a unit on Christianity, asking the question "What did God promise to his people?"



We will be using **The Tunnel** by Anthony Browne as a basis for our writing, looking at opening and structure of a portal story in fiction.

Our toolkit focus will be creating an exciting setting.



Y4 Maths begins with Place Value within 10000 before moving on to the first of the four operations, addition and subtraction.



# Dates for the Diary



04/09/2024: First day back  
13/09/2024: Y4 Meet the teacher 3pm  
07/10/2024: Open classroom from 2.45pm  
15/10/2024: Fishbourne Roman Palace trip  
17/10/2024: Harvest Festival led by Y1/2  
24/10/2024: Last day of term  
25/10/2024: INSET  
04/11/2024: INSET  
05/11/2023: Back to school

**Our value this  
half term is:  
Respect**



Online safety is without doubt one of the most concerning aspects of safeguarding children's well being. Please be vigilant around your child's use of online gaming and social media. Many apps popular with children and young people have age guidance and parental control options. Talking to children regularly about online conduct and safety is invaluable as is restricting time spent online to keep within healthy limits. At school we dedicate a lesson to online safety at the beginning and end of every half term.



## Homework in Year 4.

### **English or Maths task (30 minutes weekly).**

Homework will be either a Maths or English task, set each Friday, to be brought in the following Thursday. Children should spend no more than 40 mins completing this. There will be a 30 minute homework club on Thursday lunchtimes.

### **Read with your child (10 minutes daily).**

Please make sure that you login and record your child's reading daily using the BoomReader app or online at <https://boomreader.co.uk/>. Individual login details for your child have been provided.

### **Practise their weekly spellings (10 minutes daily).**

Every Monday, we learn our new weekly spellings. We have a test each Friday and children can use their individual logins on Spelling Shed to practise at home.

### **Practise their times tables (10 minutes daily).**

Recall of the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables (from Year 3) is important as well as building fluency in 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 times tables going forward. Children will be given access to Times Tables Rock Stars to use at home.

### **Complete a Spag.com assessment (20 minutes when set).**

Regular practice of punctuation or grammar from the Year 4 writing objectives.