



Learning, Achieving, Caring and Sharing

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Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 1 - 2021



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Key events:

National Poetry Day (7th Oct)
Black History Week (18th Oct)
Parent Consultation Meetings (Week beginning 18th October)

Weekly Schedule

PE days:

JS- Thursday, Friday
BB- Monday, Tuesday
CF- Monday, Friday

Library Days:

JS- Wednesday
BB- Tuesday
CF- Thursday

These days can quite often change so we kindly request that any books stay in the children's reading folders and PE kits stay in school for the duration of the half term.

Art/DT

At the Winns we alternate Art and Design Technology each half term. This half term we will be focusing on Art.

Our topic will focus on the formal elements of Art. Exploring the formal elements of art: pattern, texture and tone; children will create printed patterns using everyday objects; take rubbings using different media and learn how to make their drawings three dimensional.

Introduction

To kick-start the Autumn Term, we have some exciting units that the children will be covering. Please read our newsletter to discover the exciting learning opportunities planned for this half term!

The Year 2 teachers are:

Mr Search (Year Group Leader)
Miss Flock
Miss Boakes

Support Staff:

Laura Rouchy
Abdul Abdi
Julie Payne
Anna Obidzinska
Zara Hussain
Carmela Ippolito
Esme Collins (Teaching Student)

Science

Animals, including humans.

In this unit, the children will notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults.

They will find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival.

The children will also describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

Home Work

In year two homework will be given out every two weeks. The homework will be posted to Google Classroom (GC). If you have difficulties accessing GC or would prefer paper copies of the homework please let us know.

The homework will consist of Key Work or Topic based Word spellings, a writing topic based activity and reading.

Home Learning

In the event of another lockdown we will revert back to online learning using GC.

Geography/History

At the Winns we alternate Geography and History each half term. This half term we will be focusing on Art.

The children will be a Contrasting Locality Study comparing the village of Mugurameno to Walthamstow.

In this unit children will be able to locate Zambia on a map. They will compare and contrast living in Mugurameno to living in Waltham Forest. They will compare the use of water in both localities, looking at the River Zambezi and water in their local area. They will look at physical and human differences between the two areas.



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English

This half term the key skills we will be focusing on are; Capital letters, Full stops, Conjunctions, Adjectives, and the Spelling of the year one and two Key words.

We will be learning these skills through various fiction and non-fiction texts and topics such as The Secret Sky Garden and Black History Month

PSHE

This half term we will be studying two topics;

Who can I talk to?

The children will think about support groups and worry boxes.

Tying Shoelaces!

The children will study independence through learning to tie their shoelaces, among other things.

RE

This half term we will be learning about the Jewish faith. This investigation enables pupils to think about what might be found in a Jewish home and how these objects link to the Jewish way of life.

We will also look into special and sacred times. This investigation enables pupils to learn in depth from different religious and spiritual ways of life about Easter and Pesach (Passover) and/or Eid-ul- Fitr.

Maths

This half term we will be focusing on Number, specifically place value, addition and subtraction, counting in 2s 5s and 10s.

Place value is the understanding that a two digit number is comprised of a tens number and a units number. Knowing this fact greatly helps in supporting addition and subtraction.

PE

This half term we will be focusing on ball skills, specifically throwing and catching. The children will be working in groups, taking part in games and activities that explore using hands to control a ball and then to throw and catch small objects.

Music

Children will learn to sing and move to some popular songs using an online resource called 'Charanga Musical School'. All the learning is focused around one song: Hands, Feet, Heart. The material presents an integrated approach to music where games, the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc), singing and playing instruments are all linked. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise different styles of South African music.

Computing

Children explore what a computer is, learning about inputs and outputs, how computers are used in the wider world and designing an invention.

Phonics/Reading

At The Winns we follow a Phonics scheme of work called Read Write Inc. Read Write Inc. Phonics teaches children to read accurately and fluently with good comprehension. They learn to form each letter, spell correctly, and compose their ideas step-by-step.

The children in year one and two split into ten differentiated groups where they will learn to read at their own level. Differentiating reading like this helps the children to progress quickly, with the aim being that all children in year 2 will be off the Read Write Inc. scheme before the end of the year and reading through a Whole Class Reading approach.

Whole class reading focuses on the study a text, looking at comprehension and understanding, rather than phonetic decoding.