



Learning, Achieving, Caring and Sharing

The Winns Primary School

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Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 1 - 2023



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Key events:

Thursday 21st Sept – Parent Induction Zoom Meeting
Thursday 28th Sept – Weekly Parent Reading morning starts, 8.45-9.15
W/C Monday 16th – Parents evening meetings

PE

Please send a complete PE kit into school. PE kits will stay in school for the whole half term, the children only use them twice a week so they do not need washing weekly. Please remember to label each item with their name, including their school uniform.

A full PE kit needs to include:

- White t-shirt,
- Black shorts or track bottoms and
- plimsolls/trainers.

Geography

The children will begin to develop their knowledge of place and location by thinking about where they live in the UK. They will use maps to name the countries that make up the UK and be able to locate them, using compass points. They will also learn the names of the capital cities of the four countries.

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 learning opportunities planned for this half term!

The Year 1 teachers are:

Joseph Search – 1JS
Anna Sullivan – 1AS
Elle Fowler – 1EF

Support Staff:

Julie Payne
Carmela Ippolito

Home Learning/Reading

In KS1 one of the most important areas of learning is reading, it underpins all other learning.

We ask that parents read as much as possible with their children at home, it really helps! Whether it's a parent lead story, a child lead story or a shared reading experience, any exposure to stories and reading is a positive one!

To help facilitate this, every child will take home two books a week. The first will be a differentiated RWI phonics book, this should be read by the child. The second is a library book. The library book is picked by the individual child (so they may not be able to read it!) and is for pleasure, this can be read to them.

Science

They will think about what they need to do to be healthy and consider what a balanced diet is.

They will be able to identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.

Art

Landscapes

Children learn about composition and work with different art materials to create texture for a project they develop over the five lessons. Based on the theme of 'The seaside' with support for adapting to the alternative theme of 'Castles'. The unit can also be easily adapted to other topics.

Reading and Phonics

Reading continues to have an essential focus in Year 1 which allows children to access all areas of the curriculum.

We are using the Read Write Inc. programme which is a combination of learning set sounds and comprehension. If you would like more information or guidance please go to the school website.



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English

In writing we will be practising our essential skills. This includes using capital letters, full stops, finger spaces, accurately forming our letters and using descriptive and creative language.

We will read the stories 'Around the table that grandad built', 'Julian is a Mermaid' and 'A dress with Pockets'.

These stories will be the basis for our writing.

PSHE

We will be exploring ways to stay safe with a focus on road safety and developing and maintaining support networks.

In class we will be holding circle times which are designed to increase confidence and class unity.

Topic

In Year one we have a topic-based approach to our learning. Each half term the children will study a topic. This topic will set the theme to all of our learning, especially the foundation subjects for example Geography, History and science.

This half terms topic is 'All About me'. In this unit the children will think about themselves and what 'makes them me'. They will look at their families, what they are most proud of and why they are special.

Maths

To start the year the children will be looking primary at place value and addition within 10. The six-week half term will be split and the children will start of by looking at the value of number and then using it for addition.

Marvellous Me and class rewards

The children's achievements are celebrated in Year 1 through red stickers, positive praise and Marvellous Me badges. You can access the Marvellous Me app to view your child's success throughout the day.

We also collect marbles for acts of kindness that go into the class jar and build towards termly rewards.

Final Word / Important Points

Every child is offered fruit every morning. This is eaten during morning play to sustain them until lunchtime.

Children should bring a labelled reusable water bottle to school.

School Website

The school website has lots of useful information about the school day and is updated regularly. Log on at www.thewinnsprimaryschool.co.uk

Computing

This half term, the children will be learning basic skills in computing, including logging on, online safety, using the mouse and typing.

We will then apply these skills to follow instructions carefully and in the right order to design and build rockets, while debugging instructions.

History

They will be introduced to the concept of 'the past' by thinking about how their lives are different to that of their grandparents (how has school changed).

RE

We will be exploring Christianity, learning what Christians believe about Jesus, parables, the Lord's prayer and how Christians around the world live and celebrate their faith.

Music

We will learn to sing in unison, be able to recognise pulse, improvise and create rhythms and melodies using words and notes and name untuned instruments.