

Autumn 1 introduction

To kick-start the Autumn Term in Year 2, we will be exploring many exciting areas of learning. Please read on to discover what we will be covering in more depth.



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Key events

19th September Parent Induction Meeting (Zoom)
w/c 23rd October Half term

1st October Black History Month
30th October INSET Day

w/c 16th October Parent Consultation Meetings and School Art Exhibition



Our week

P.E days:
2CM: Monday, Friday
2LT: Monday, Friday
2CS: Tuesday, Wednesday

Library days:
2CM: Wednesday
2LT: Tuesday
2CS: Thursday



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

Art

Tell a Story
Inspired by book illustrations, the children will draw expressive characters and stories. Children explore mark-making and learn how to create textured drawings with a range of art materials. The children will use their skills to develop a concertina story-book to tell their own story.



Science

Living Things and their Habitats
In this unit, the children will explore the differences between things that are living, no longer living, and things that have never been alive

Children will be able to describe how different habitats, including microhabitats, provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants and how animals obtain their food within the food chain.



P.S.H.E.

Who Can I Talk To? and Tying Shoelaces!
This half term we will be studying two topics. 'Who can I talk to' looks at the support network around us, reminding children they are not alone and are surrounded by a network of trusted adults.



Writing

This half term, we will be encouraging the children to build on the composition of their writing and begin to think about extending their ideas, adding more detail using adjectives and structuring their writing; having a beginning, middle and end.

The focus this half term will be on correct use of capital letters, including for proper nouns, full stops, conjunctions, adjectives, and the accurate spelling of the Year 1 and 2 key words.

We will be learning these skills through various fiction and non-fiction texts and topics such as The Land Where the Taffy Bird Grows, Folk Tales and recount writing.



Maths

Place Value
Using materials and a range of representations, pupils practise counting, reading and writing to at least 100. Using these skills to then solve a variety of related problems to develop fluency. We then develop this further by ordering numbers and looking at comparing numbers using the <, > and = symbols.

Addition and Subtraction
We will then move on to look at addition and subtraction. At The Winns we teach addition and subtraction using the column method and exchanging a ten where necessary. Recording addition and subtraction in columns supports place value and prepares for formal written methods with larger numbers.

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Reading

We follow a Phonics scheme of work called **Read Write Inc. (RWI)**. RWI 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. Children in Year 1 and 2 are split into ten differentiated groups where they will learn to read at their own pace. Differentiating reading like this helps the children to progress quickly, with the aim being that all children in Year 2 will be off the RWI scheme before the end of the year and reading through a Whole Class Reading approach. **Whole Class Reading** focuses on the study of a text, looking at comprehension and understanding, rather than phonetic decoding.

Reading at home

Your child will take home 2 books a week. This will consist of a 'Phonics Book' which will be changed on their library day and one 'Library book', a book of their own choosing.

Reading is an essential skill, and we encourage parents to engage in daily reading with their children at home. Please ensure when doing so, that you sign their reading record. Some children will confidently read to themselves, so please encourage them to sign their reading record as well.

Homework is given out Friday

In Year 2, homework will be given out every week. It will be given on a Friday as paper copy to be returned the following Friday.

Please support your child to ensure they are engaging with their homework. Spellings should be practised every evening using the Look, Cover, Write, Check method.



Online learning resources

- Bug Club
- Times Table Rockstars
- Top Marks
- BBC Bitesize

Computing

We begin the term by revisiting computer safety. Reminding the children of what they need to do to stay safe online. We then move on to our topic:

What is a computer?

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



R.E.

Who is a Muslim and What do they Believe?

This investigation enables pupils to learn in depth from Islam, finding out about Muslim ways of life and beliefs, so that pupils can develop thoughtful ideas and viewpoints of their own about some religious and spiritual questions.

Music

Hands, Feet, Heart

Children will learn to sing using an online resource called 'Charanga Musical School'. All the learning is focused around one song: Hands, Feet, Heart - a South African song.

The material presents an integrated approach to music. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise different styles of music.



P.E

Fundamentals:

Pupils will develop the fundamental skills of balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and skipping as well as be given opportunities to work with a range of different equipment.

Fitness:

Pupils will take part in a range of fitness activities to develop components of fitness.



Geography

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

Over the Land:

In this unit children will travel around the world, learning about the different continents. They will be able to order continents by land size and population and know the names of some of the countries in each continent.

They will learn about the north and south hemisphere and the equator and climate in different parts of the world.

