



Learning, Achieving, Caring and Sharing

# The Winns Primary School

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### Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter



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## Autumn 1 - 2023

### Key events:

Parent Consultation Week W/C 16th Oct  
Winns Art Exhibition W/C 16<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Black History W/C 1<sup>st</sup> October

### History

#### Pre-historic Britain

The children will be learning about prehistoric events in Britain. They will be exploring questions such as:

How do we know about pre-historic Britain? Which animals lived during the Ice Age?

What were the different periods of the Stone Age?

What was life like in a Stone Age settlement? How did the Bronze Age change how people lived?

### Art - Growth

In late October/early November, the Winns will be having an Art Exhibition with contributions from all children at our school. The theme for the Exhibition is 'Growth'. In our classes, our Art Work will follow this theme.

### 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 3 staff are:

3AF Mr Falk

#### Teaching Assistants:

Ania Obidzinska

3LG Miss Gordon

Merita Ali

3SH Miss Hickey

If you'd like to contact us, you can email [year3@winns.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:year3@winns.waltham.sch.uk)



### Home Learning

- Daily reading, we would advise children in KS2 to be reading for at least 20 minutes per day and reading records to be signed by an adult or the child 3 times per week.
- Maths homework to support learning of the key facts e.g. timetables.
- Spelling homework
- Children benefit from adult support with homework in the Autumn term to establish a good routine

Homework will be given out on Fridays and collected in on Thursdays.

### Science

#### Rocks and Fossils

Pupils will explore different kinds of rocks including those in the local environment. They will learn to identify and classify rocks according to whether they have grains or crystals, and whether they have fossils in them. Pupils will explore different soils and identify similarities and differences between them.



### PE

#### Yoga

Children will learn a variety of poses for strength, balance and flexibility

#### Fundamentals

Children will learn basic skills applicable to Games and Athletics

### How to support your children at home

We recommend a balance of reading with your child and making time for them to read independently. To support topics, children can use a range of resources: local libraries, weekend trips, online resources and information books to deepen their learning. Some online resources that may be useful are:

**Ttrockstars.com**   **Topmarks – Hit the Button**  
**Mathsframe**   **Ducksters**   **Oddizzi**



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#### MFL

This half term we will be learning **French Greetings**.

The children will learn how to introduce themselves, use appropriate greetings to say hello, goodbye and goodnight and to ask and answer the question, 'how are you feeling?'

#### PSHE

This half term we will be focussing on '**Keeping Safe/Staying Safe**'

We will be discussing the following points with the children:

Who can I talk to – Support Networks both in and out of school for example, adults in school, child line, family.

Staying Safe

#### RE

This half term we will be studying **What does it mean to be a Christian in Britain today?**

We will be discussing;

- How Christians show their faith.
- The positives and challenges faced by Christians in Britain today.
- How Christians help others.

#### Maths

This half term we are learning about the **place value** of digits. Children will be learning to recognise, read, order and write numbers in different ways.

We will move on to **Addition and Subtraction** later in the term. Children will learn a variety of methods to help them solve calculations. They will also learn to apply their skills to real life problems.

#### Weekly Schedules:

##### PE days:

3AF – Mon and Fri  
3SH – Mon and Thurs  
3LG – Weds and Fri

##### Library Days:

3AF – Monday  
3SH – Friday  
3LG - Friday

#### Final Word / Important Points

In Year 3, children no longer get a snack during the school day. However, children are allowed to bring a **fruit** into school to eat at playtime. They can also purchase a piece of fruit for 20p at playtimes.

We are very much looking forward to working collaboratively with you to support your child's learning this year!

#### Computing - Networks and the Internet

This half term, children will learn how computers communicate. Children will learn about networks and the internet, and how they are used to share information. We will also take a walking tour around the school to identify pieces of hardware integral to our school network.

#### English

In Writing, we will be studying a number of exciting texts to inspire our young writers. When we are writing we will be practicing skills such as:

- Using punctuation accurately (. ? !)
- Adding description to make writing interesting.
- Using conjunctions to extend sentences (and, but, so, because, if, when)

#### Music

We are very fortunate to have our very own keyboard lab at Winns! This music project called 'Keys of Inspiration' is funded by the Lang Lang foundation and provides the children with two keyboard lessons each week.