

The Winns Primary School
Learning, Achieving, Caring and Sharing
Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn 2 - 2024

Key events:

- Trip: Walk to Walthamstow - Date TBC
- Christmas Performances: 9th December at 2.45pm, 10th December at 9.10am
- Christmas Parties: Wk/c 18th December

PE

Dance with Class Teacher
Ball Skills with Coach

We will learn to dance to rhythms, beats and melodies and focus on teamwork in ball games.

Please send a complete PE kit into school. As it gets colder, we recommend to include tracksuit bottoms or joggers.

Please remember to label each item with their name, including their PE bag and school uniform.

Geography

The children will continue to develop their knowledge of place and location by comparing Walthamstow with a Scottish isle. They will create maps using human and physical geographical features related to our English topics.

Introduction

To finish 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
Eden Seymour – 1ES

Support Staff:

Oksana, Carmela, Sarah,
1:1 Support Staff:
Androula, Amina, Zarah, Guler

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

In this unit pupils will begin to learn about seasonal changes. They will start with an autumnal trip to the park to observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and explore temperature and day length.

D&T

The children will experiment with a range of resources before designing and making a vehicle with free-running wheels. They will experiment with different types of axles and axle holders before selecting which one to use in their design. Once their vehicle has been tested, they will evaluate how well it suits the needs of the users before thinking of what they would do differently next time.

Reading and Phonics

Reading will always 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.

Children also have access to an online reading resource. All children received their log in details in the front of their reading records.

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 be reading and writing about the stories;

Astro Girl

Rosie Revere Engineer

PSHE

We will be focusing on wellness and mental wellbeing by exploring our emotions, friendships and relationships. In class we will be holding circle times which are designed to increase confidence and class unity.

How to support your children at home

We expect all Year 1 children to read with an adult every night for around 10 minutes.

Children have a book bag, with a reading record, which needs to be completed daily by an adult. Children are welcome to read books in their home languages, and we love to hear about books that have been read to them. They are also welcome to bring in their favourite books from home to share with the class.

Children will also have a selection of activities linked to our curriculum to complete each half term. You may choose any two projects and the children can bring in their efforts to share with the class.

Maths

Our learning will focus further on addition and subtraction methods, both mental and written. We encourage children to recall their number bonds to 20.

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.

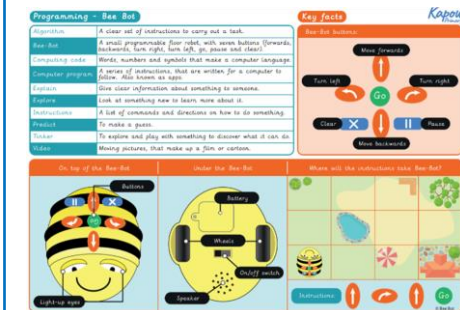
Children should bring a labelled reusable water bottle to school.

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 simple programming using Bee Bots. They will follow, debug and create basic instructions to guide the bee bot on a journey.



RE

We will be exploring how different religions celebrate sacred time. Specifically we’ll examine Diwali, Easter, Eid, Hanukkah and Christmas.

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 un tuned instruments.

The children will also be learning and performing Christmas songs and poems as part of our Christmas production.