

Autumn 2 introduction

During the second half of the Autumn term we are excited about all the fun and fantastic learning that will be taking place. Please read our newsletter to discover in more detail all of the topics we will be exploring.

Our Year 2 team

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Key events

w/c 11th Nov
Anti-Bullying Week

10th Dec (pm)
Y2 Christmas Concert

3rd December
Great Fire of London Workshop
(in school)

11th Dec (am)
Y2 Christmas Concert

7th December 2024
Winter Fair

17th Nov
Class Xmas Party



Our week

P.E days:

2CM - Wednesday and Thursday
2LT - Tuesday and Thursday
2CS - Wednesday and Thursday

Library days:

2CM - Friday
2LT - Tuesday
2CS - Tuesday

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 and P.E kits stay in school for the duration of the half term.

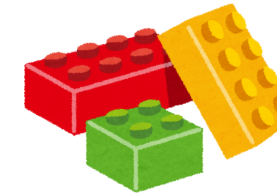


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Moving Monsters

The children will be exploring pivots, levers and linkages. They will investigate and recognise that mechanisms are a collection of moving parts that work together as a machine to produce movement.

After creating their design brief the children will make and evaluate their own moving monster head!



Science

Living Things and their Habitats.

Following on from the first half of this unit (Autumn 1), the children will build on their knowledge of habitats further as we explore microhabitats! We will learn about how minibeasts are suited to their microhabitats and use what we know to build our own bug hotels!



P.S.H.E.

Keeping/Staying Healthy

During our Keeping/Staying Healthy module, children will learn that food is needed for bodily health and growth, and will be able to identify what types of food are positive choices. Students will also explore and practise simple personal cleanliness routines such as brushing their teeth. This will enable them to begin to understand why they need to brush their teeth and help them develop strategies and routines for doing it.

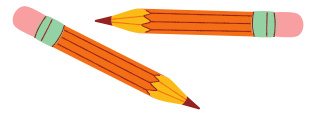
Feelings and emotions

We will also look at bullying and body language, building an understanding of why we should care about each other's feelings and how feelings can be expressed without words.

Writing

This half term we will be building on the skills achieved in Autumn 1. The children will begin to further develop their writing using adjectives, time adverbs, commas in list, time connectives and exploring the features of different genres.

We will be exploring these skills through a range of fiction and non-fiction texts and topics such as The Elves and the Shoemaker, Bug Hotel (non-fiction), Vlad and The Great Fire of London, and The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse.



Maths

This half term we will be focusing on Number, specifically, addition and subtraction. The children will be building a strong foundation exploring their bonds to and within 10 and 20. Any support that can be given with this at home will be most valuable. Then, they will use their knowledge of number facts and their knowledge of place value to help them work out addition and subtraction facts up to 100.

We will end the term by looking at shape. The children will learn to describe 2D and 3D shapes using accurate mathematical vocabulary. They will also learn to find 2D shapes in 3D shapes, to arrange shapes into patterns, and to talk about rotation.

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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 pace. Differentiating reading like this helps the children to progress quickly, with the aim being that all children in Year Two 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 of a text, looking at comprehension and understanding, rather than phonetic decoding.

Reading at home

Your child will take home 2 books a week. These 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

- Oxford Owl Phonics E-Books (login inside Reading Records)
- Times Table Rockstars (login inside Reading Records)
- Top Marks
- BBC Bitesize

Computing

Programming Part 1 Algorithms and debugging.

This combination of unplugged and plugged-in activities develops an understanding of what algorithms are, how to program them and how they can be developed to be more efficient.



R.E.

This half term, we will be exploring Judaism:
Who is Jewish and what do they believe?

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. There is a focus on the mezuzah, the belief in one God, Shabbat and Chanukah.



Music

We are very lucky to have our own music teacher who comes to our school to teach the children each week! Children will be exploring their music creativity through songs, instruments and rhythm.

Year One and Two also sing together in a weekly Music Assembly. This term, we will begin by learning 'A Million Dreams' from the movie, The Greatest Showman.

Our Christmas Concert will feature the following songs: Have a Holly Jolly Christmas, Rocking Around the Christmas Tree and Little Saint Nick! Please find singalong links to each song on Google Classroom if you'd like to practise at home!

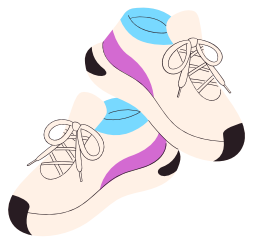
P.E

Yoga

Children will learn about mindfulness and body awareness. The unit builds strength, flexibility and balance.

Ball Skills

This unit will develop their fundamental ball skills such as throwing and catching, rolling, hitting a target, dribbling with both hands and feet and kicking a ball.



History

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

The Great Fire of London.

In this unit, children will learn all about The Great Fire of London and the impact of the fire. Children will find out when it happened and what London was like at this time.

Children will learn how the Great Fire spread and how it was stopped. Children will learn more about sources in history, using diaries, paintings and artefacts to find out about the past and discovering the famous Samuel Pepys's diary.

