

## Spring 1 introduction

During the Spring term we have some brilliant units that the children will be covering. Please read our newsletter to discover the exciting learning opportunities planned for this half term!



## Our Year 2 team

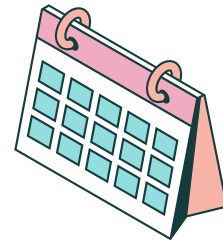
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## Key events

**INSET day:**  
6th January

**2LT Class Assembly**  
6th February



**Year 2 Bake Sale:**  
23rd January

**Last day of term:**  
14th February:

**Chinese New Year activity afternoon:**  
29th January

## Our week

**P.E days:**  
2CM - Monday and Wednesday  
2LT- Monday and Wednesday  
2CS- Monday and Wednesday

**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.

## Art

### Life in Colour

At the Winns, we alternate Art and Design Technology each half term. This half term we will be focusing on Art. The children will explore complimentary and contrasting colours and learn how to mix primary colours to create secondary colours. We will use our colour mixing skills to create a painting of a significant landmark in China.



## Science

### Materials and their uses

In this unit, the children will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials (wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard) for particular uses. We will then explore which material is most suitable for building a bridge!



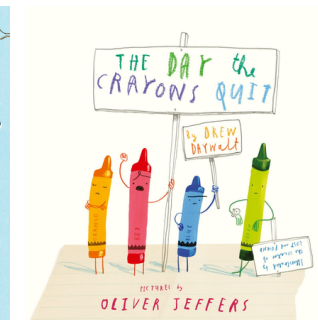
## P.S.H.E.

This half term we will looking at three different strands of PSHE; Being Responsible, Feelings and Emotions and Computer Safety.

## Writing

This half term the children will be looking at noun phrases, co-ordination, sub-ordination and adverbs. We will be exploring these skills through a range of fiction and non-fiction texts and topics.

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## Maths

This half term we will begin by exploring Money and then move on to the topic of Multiplication and Division. At the Winns we teach Multiplication as Arrays. See below for an example of a Times Table problem shown as an array.

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We teach begin to teach Division in the same way using an array but we split the number into groups.

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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

- Google Classroom
- Oxford Owl Phonics E-Books (login inside Reading Records)
- Times Table Rockstars (please use child's login card to access)
- Top Marks

## Computing

### Touch typing and Word Processing

The children will learn about word processing and how to stay safe online as well developing touch typing skills. They will be introduced to important keyboard shortcuts, as well as simple editing tools within a word processor including: bold, italics, underline and font colour as well as how to import images.



### R.E.

#### Who is a Christian and what do they believe?

This unit enables pupils to begin to understand what Christians believe about God and about Jesus as the

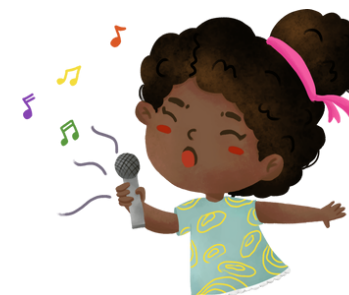
#### Son of God.

This unit looks at stories about Jesus and stories that Jesus told. Teaching in this unit will help pupils to understand that Christians see God as Father and Creator and Jesus as the Son of God and an inspiration to Christian people.

## 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 'Singing in the Rain'!



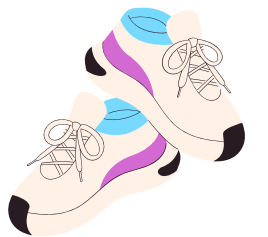
## P.E

### Yoga

Continuing our learning from last term, the children will learn about mindfulness and body awareness. The unit builds strength, flexibility and balance.

### Invasion Games

In this unit, the children will take part in tactical games that will require them to build points as a team. The unit will develop skills in decision making, team work and spacial awareness.



## Geography

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

### Take a trip to China!

In this unit we will take a closer look at China, a country in Asia. We will learn how to locate China on a map, and how to label the physical and human features of the area, just like geographers. Then, we will focus on a city in China called Beijing and find out what life is like for people living there. We will think carefully about what is the same and what is different about our own lives in London.

We will also be doing lots of crafts in Golden Time to highlight Chinese Lunar New Year on the 29th January 2025.

