

Autumn 1 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 6 team

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Key events

After School Clubs begin - 14th September
Parent Consultation Meetings - 19th October
Black History Month - October
Autumn Half-Term - W/C 26th October
Inset day - 2nd November



Secondary school application deadline - 31st October

Our week

P.E days:

6PB - Tuesday and Wednesday
6ES - Monday and Wednesday
6AM - Wednesday and Thursday



Library days:

6PB - Wednesday
6ES - Tuesday
6AM - Friday

Art

At the Winns we alternate Art and Design Technology each half term. This half term we will be focusing on Art. This half term our topic is called: Exploring Art with a message. We will look at the famous 'Guernica' by Picasso and the confronting works of Käthe Kollwitz. Through the mediums of graffiti, drawing, painting and sculpture, pupils create their own artworks that speak to the viewer.



Science

Living Things and their Habitats.
In this unit, after looking at the different living creatures that feature in a variety of vertebrate and invertebrate groups, the children will explore the local environment and use a dichotomous classification to classify a selection of living things into different groups. This term they will study the work of scientist Carl Linnaeus.



P.S.H.E.

The year begins with a recap of the NSPCC's PANTS rules which encourages the children to discuss appropriate and inappropriate touch. Much of the work in PSHE is discussion based and develops the children's confidence and maturity about a range of social topics. This term the main topics concern 'staying safe' which includes lessons on dealing with peer pressure.



Writing

This autumn term, the children will be writing a biography about the life of William Shakespeare. They will develop a range of language skills which they will look to include in their writing, such as relative clauses, fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases.

Following this, we will look at developing story narratives using a range of language devices. The children will be using The Firework Maker's Daughter by Phillip Pullman as a frame for their work.

Maths



As the children begin to prepare for the SATs exams in May the children will be extending their use of the four key operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will explore these with a range of problems including missing box questions, word problems and a range of different contexts. Furthermore, they will look at place value and deepen their understanding of the decimal number system.



Computing

Bletchley Park is considered the home of modern computing. In this unit, children will discover the history of Bletchley and learn about code breaking and password hacking. They will have the opportunity to demonstrate some of their digital literacy skills by creating presentations about historical figures.

Supporting your child at home

- Reading to and with your child regularly at home where possible
- Discussing your child's maths, reading and spelling homework with them
- Ensuring your child knows their times tables
- Discussing any practise assessment papers with your child that they bring home to highlight areas of strength and any misconceptions

Homework is given out on Fridays

In Year 6, homework will be given out every week. It will be given on a Friday as paper copy to be returned the following Friday. The children will receive the following homework:

- Maths (from their Maths group teacher)
- Reading comprehension
- 10 spelling words



Reading books will also be taken from the library each week (reading 20 minutes each night; recording in Reading Records 3 times per week)

Please support your child to ensure they are engaging with their homework.

Pick-up arrangements: Home alone

As the children move into Year 6, we recognise that some parents and carers prefer for their child to walk home independently. We kindly ask that you contact the office@winns.waltham.sch.uk to confirm if this is the case and to specify which days (if you haven't already done so) so that records can be updated accordingly.

Online learning resources

- TT Rockstars
- Spelling Shed
- LBQ (Learning by Questions)

French

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In French, the pupils will learn a selection of the key phonemes to facilitate accurate and authentic pronunciation as part of their language learning experience. They will also begin to develop the knowledge and skills to talk about the subjects they like and dislike at school (along with a justification) and at what time/day they study various subjects.

R.E.

This term the children will not only learn about different religions but to also explore and compare these. This term the theme of commitment is explored within Islam, Christianity and Hinduism. The children will explore how different followers show commitment through worship, supporting charity and spirituality.

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 5 and 6 children also sing together in a weekly Music Assembly. Where they will learn a variety of songs.

This year, the children will also continue their lessons in The Keys For Inspiration programme developing their confidence with the piano and their understanding of musical theory.

P.E

In P.E the children will be learning and developing their skills in netball. Furthermore, in gymnastics they will be developing a stronger understanding of composition by working collaboratively with partners and apparatus. The children are expected to have their P.E kit in school for lessons.



History

The children will learn about the Industrial Revolution and the dramatic impact this had on society during the Victorian era. They will learn about the living and working conditions of the time as well as the inventions that were created during this period. Geography will take the place of History after half term.



Assessments

For Literacy, Reading, Spelling & Grammar and Maths, we will be carrying out regular in-class assessments in order to identify areas where additional work and booster groups are needed.

The aim is for all children to be 'secondary ready' with the skills they need to develop and thrive. In relation to this, we want all children to be as best prepared as possible for their SATS exams which are on the 10th May.