

Autumn 1 introduction

To kick-start the Autumn Term in Year Two, we will be exploring many exciting areas of learning. Please read on to discover what we will be covering in more depth.



Our Year 2 team

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Key events

8th September
Parent Induction Meeting (Teams)

w/c 19th October
Parents Consultation Meetings

w/c 26th October
Half term

2nd November
INSET Day



Our week

P.E days:

2AS – Tuesday & Wednesday
2CP- Tuesday & Wednesday
2EC- Tuesday & Wednesday

Library days:

2AS – Friday
2CP – Tuesday
2EC – Monday

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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:

Tell a Story

Inspired by book illustrations, the children will draw expressive characters and stories. Children explore mark-making and learn how to create textured drawings with a range of exciting art materials. The children will use their skills to develop a concertina story-book to tell their own story.



Science

Living Things and their Habitats.

In this unit, the children will identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other.



P.S.H.E.

Zones of Regulation and Tying Shoelaces!

Children will explore different feelings they can experience and how to regulate these emotions.



Writing

This half term, we will be encouraging the children to build on the composition of their writing and begin to think about extending their ideas, adding more detail using adjectives and structuring their writing; having a beginning, middle and end.

The focus this half term will be on correct use of capital letters, including for proper nouns, full stops, conjunctions, adjectives, and the accurate spelling of the Year One and Year Two key words.

We will be learning these skills through various fiction and non-fiction texts and topics such as Poems Aloud, Clean Up! and Leo and the Octopus.



Maths

This half term we will be focusing on **Place Value**. Using materials and a range of representations, pupils practise counting, reading and writing to at least 100. Using these skills to then solve a variety of related problems to develop fluency. We then develop this further by ordering numbers and looking at comparing numbers using the <, > and = symbols.

We will then move on to look at **Addition and Subtraction**. At The Winns, we teach addition and subtraction using the column method and exchanging a ten where necessary. Recording addition and subtraction in columns supports place value and prepares for formal written methods with larger numbers.

Tens	Ones

Reading

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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

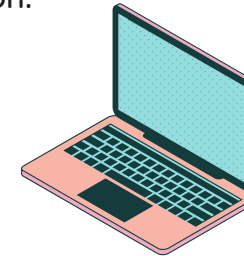
- Top Marks
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Computing

We begin the term by revisiting computer safety. Reminding the children of what they need to do to stay safe online. We then move on to our topic:

What is a computer?

Children explore what a computer is. Learning about inputs and outputs, how computers are used in the wider world and designing an invention.



R.E.

This half term, we will be exploring Islam:
Who is a Muslim and What do they Believe?

This investigation enables pupils to learn in depth from Islam, finding out about Muslim ways of life and beliefs, so that pupils can develop thoughtful ideas and viewpoints of their own about some religious and spiritual questions.

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 'Pure Imagination' from the movie, Wonka.



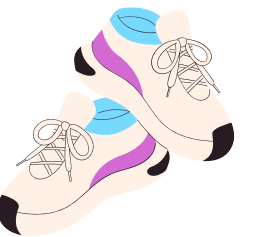
P.E

Fundamentals:

Pupils will develop the fundamental skills of balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and skipping as well as be given opportunities to work with a range of different equipment.

Fitness:

Pupils will take part in a range of fitness activities to develop components of fitness.



Geography

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

Over the Land and Oceans!

In this unit, children will travel around the world, learning about the different continents. They will be able to order continents by land size and population and know the names of some of the countries in each continent. They will learn about the north and south hemisphere and the equator and climate in different parts of the world.



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.

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w/c 16th Nov
Anti-Bullying Week

10th Nov
Individual photos

4th Dec (AM)
Y2 Christmas Concert

5th December 2024
Winter Fair

18th Dec
Last Day of Term



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D.T.

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 Vlad and The Great Fire of London, and The Night Gardener.



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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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.



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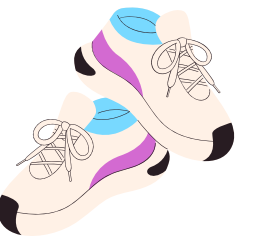
P.E

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.

