

Autumn Term Introduction

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



Our Year 3 team

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Key events

w / c 14th September
After school clubs start

22nd September
Year 3 Reading Morning 1

26th September
Tour de Winns

30th September
Year 3 Reading Morning 2

October
Black History Month

w/c 19th October
Parents Consultation Meetings
No after school clubs this week (aside from tea time club)

w/c 26th October
Half term

2nd November
INSET Day

19th November
3CS Class Assembly

8th December
Year 3 Christmas Concert

15th December
Year 3 Christmas Party

16th December
Christmas Lunch

18th December
Last day of school

5th January
Children back to school



Our week

P.E days:

3AF– Monday & Tuesday
3CS - Wednesday & Thursday
3NM - Monday & Tuesday

Library days:

3AF - Monday
3CS – Thursday
3NM - Friday

We kindly ask that P.E kits stay in school for the duration of the half term and then go home to be washed during school holidays.



Art



At the Winns we alternate Art and Design Technology each half term. In Autumn 1 we will be focusing on Art.

Autumn 1: Prehistoric Art (cave paintings)

Our Art topic this half-term will draw inspiration from our History topic as the children learn to produce a Stone Age-style art piece. Children will be challenged create paints and textures using items found naturally in the park or around the playground. They will study cave drawings, noting how a piece of art can tell a story.

Autumn 2: Making a Seasonal Dish (D&T)

Our Design and Technology topic will involve the children learning about seasonal ingredients and then planning, making and evaluating their own Puff Pastry tart. We will send out an email closer to the time to share our ingredients list and check for any new allergies.



Science

Autumn 1: Rocks and Fossils

Children will identify different types of rocks and learn about their properties. They will learn about the rock cycle and investigate how fossils are formed.

Autumn 2: Animals, including humans

In this topic, children will revisit their learning about diet and nutrition, focussing on the food groups. New learning will include: types of muscles, types of bones, invertebrates and vertebrates.



P.S.H.E.

Zones of Regulation and Keeping Safe

This term we will revisit the Zones of Regulation and learn strategies to regulate our emotions. We will also discuss how to stay safe both offline and online, and consider our Support Networks both in and out of school (Trusted adults, family, child line). We will discuss what is appropriate and inappropriate touch and who to talk to if you feel uncomfortable.



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.

A big focus as always will be on correct use of capital letters, including for proper nouns, full stops, conjunctions, adjectives, and the accurate spelling of age-expected words. We will also challenge children to use conjunctions to create compound sentences.

We will use a variety of fiction, nonfiction and poetry texts to help support the learning. These texts include:

The Iron Man, Stone Age Boy and The Magic Box Poem.



Maths

Maths topics for the Autumn Term include: **Place Value, Addition and Subtraction and Multiplication and Division.** In **Place Value**, children learn about the value of digits (ex. 63 is made up of 6 Tens and 3 Ones. Children will learn to recognise, read, order and represent numbers in a variety of ways.

We will move on to **Addition and Subtraction** later in the term. Children will learn a variety of methods to help them solve calculations. They will also learn to apply their skills to real life problems.

We will begin to place more emphasis on **times tables** to begin to prepare children for the national times tables check, which happens at the end of Year 4. Children will also be encouraged to consider the use of an inverse operation to check their work.

Tens	Ones

Reading

In year 3, children advance from the Read, Write, Inc phonics scheme into whole-class reading lessons. Children who require additional practise with phonics, will continue phonics lessons in a supportive environment. Each class generally studies a text for 2-3 weeks, ensuring that we teach a mix of fiction, nonfiction and poetry throughout the term. Children practise their reading in a variety of ways: independent reading, partner reading, choral reading together. They also learn to identify and apply key vocabulary and how to search for information in a text to support their answers to comprehension questions.

Reading at home

Your child will take home a book from the library each week. They will keep a second library book at school. 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 (at least three times each week). 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 3, homework will be given out every week. It will be given on a Friday as paper copy to be returned the following Thursday.

Homework is not mandatory, however, we encourage you to support your child to practise engaging with their homework. We will be quizzing the children weekly on their Spelling words and times tables. These quizzes are low-stakes and are used more as a tool for teachers to identify key words or times tables to practise more at school.



Supporting your child at home

We recommend a balance of reading with your child and making time for them to read independently. To support topics, children can use a range of resources: local libraries, weekend trips, online resources and information books to deepen their learning. Some online resources that may be useful are:

Trockstars.com Topmarks – Hit the Button MathsframeDucksters
Oddizzi

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:

Networks (Autumn 1) Coding - Scratch (Autumn 2)

Children will be taught about networks and the internet, and how they are used to share information. We will also take a walking tour around the school to identify pieces of hardware integral to our school network. In Autumn 2, children will use a software program called Scratch to learn the basics of coding.



R.E.

This term, we will be exploring two questions: What do different people believe about God? Why is the Bible important for Christians today? These investigations implement the principal aim of RE, which is to engage pupils in systematic enquiry into significant human questions which religion and worldviews address, so that they can develop the understanding and skills needed to appreciate and appraise varied responses to these questions, as well as develop responses of their own.

Music

We are very fortunate to have our very own keyboard lab at Winns! This music project called 'Keys of Inspiration' is funded by the Lang Lang foundation and provides the children with two keyboard lessons each week. Our Keyboards teaching is Miss Gheorghe, who has been teaching keyboards to Years 3-6 since our school began this program.

In addition to keyboards, we have a fantastic music teacher (Ms Helsing) who will be working with the Year 3 classes at different times throughout the year.



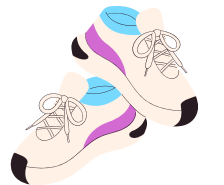
P.E

Autumn 1: Fundamentals / Yoga

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. They will also learn how to maintain different yoga poses and explore how to create a yoga flow.

Autumn 2: Fitness / Ball Skills :

Children will learn the basics of warming up, exercising and stretching and how to check their pulse to see how engaged their bodies are. We will work on balance and hand-eye coordination as well as discussing how to be an effective and supportive team mate.



History

Prehistoric Britain (Autumn 1)

In this unit, children will develop their skills as historians as they explore the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age in Britain. Children will examine sources of history and consider how they can use these to make hypotheses about the past. We will link this topic to our writing and art units.



Geography

At the Winns, we alternate Geography and History each half term.

Villages, Towns and Cities (Autumn 2)

In this unit the children will study human settlements. They will look at the key differences in the ways in which humans are dispersed around our planet and in the towns, cities and villages in which we live. The children will also look at the reasons behind the different types of settlement and the advantages and disadvantages of living there.

