



Years 2 and 3 Summer Term 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back for another term at Winhills! We hope you had a wonderful time off during the Easter holidays and are looking forward to an important term ahead. Our main focus this term will be towards the Year 2 SATS tests which take place in May. Please find below a summary of the main learning areas during the term along with some general reminders.

English

Our English lessons this year will be following the National Curriculum covering reading and writing, with a focus on SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar). The children will have the opportunity to have great discussions around stories and texts, develop their writing skills across all genres and further develop their letter formation and handwriting. Our lessons will revolve around learning how to write adventure stories, recounts, myths and poems. We have started the Summer Term by using the story 'The Green Ship' by Quentin Blake. All the texts we will use throughout the term, will engage and excite the children whilst being the stimulus for writing. Additionally, they will be using their writing skills across the curriculum, in lessons such as Science and in the ICE Zone.

Maths

As with English, our Maths lessons will be following the National Curriculum. In the build up to Year 2 SATs, the children will be learning about fractions, time and recapping calculation methods. After SATs, they will look at statistics by creating graphs and answering questions about them. Year 3 will be learning about fractions, money, time, shape and statistics. The children will use lots of practical resources in all maths lessons to support their learning whilst also discussing their thinking by reasoning.

Homework

Each class will be handing out **spelling homework on a Wednesday and it will need to be returned by the following Monday**. Please practice these spellings with your child as it will boost their independence and confidence in writing.

Children need to read 5 times a week and complete a book talk. They need to complete their reading record each time they read and **reading records must be in everyday as they are checked**. We would very much appreciate you listening to your child's reading /discussing their book with them and request that you sign your child's reading record book and, if possible, add a comment. This will really help your child to progress in reading.

In addition, Year 2 children are required to complete 30 minutes of Numbots and Year 3 are required to complete 30 minutes of Maths Whizz and 15 minutes of TT Rockstars each week. This will be monitored by the class teacher each week to ensure it is completed. Please ensure your child keeps up to date with this on a weekly basis as if they do not complete the homework requirements then it will impact on their reward day at the end of the term.

P.E

Years 2 and 3 will have both indoors and outdoor PE sessions every Wednesday. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school at all times, and are prepared for the changeable Spring and Summer weather.

We will also have lots of outdoor learning so children will need a pair of wellies and a sun hat in school at all times.

There will be a fortnightly newsletter where we will update you on our learning over the term, particularly our English and Maths units, and we will provide any extra details you will need (e.g. changes to timetables, notifications, etc). There will be regular updates over the term on our class pages on the school webpage, plus information on our facebook page.

We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead, and thank you in advance for your continued support.

Summer Term Curriculum Topics for Years 2 and 3 – There's No Place Like Home



Topic

There's No Place Like Home

In this geography topic, the children will be learning all about St Neots. They will learn about the physical and human geographical features that can be found across the world. After that, they will learn about the geography of China and compare it to St Neots.



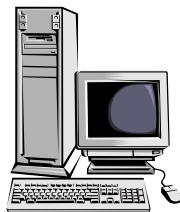
Art

To begin with the children will be at traditional Chinese art. In the ICE zone, they will be creating willow plate paintings and sculptures. In the classroom, they will be exploring how to make paper.



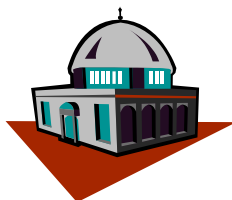
PE

Throughout the term, the children will be focusing on the skills used to play cricket. They will learn how to bat, bowl and field.



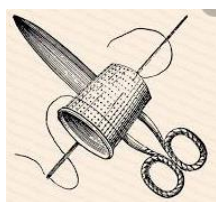
ICT

The children will be programming Beebots using algorithms. They will then debug algorithms to make them correct. After that, they will continue to develop their understanding of Internet safety by creating posters on the computer.



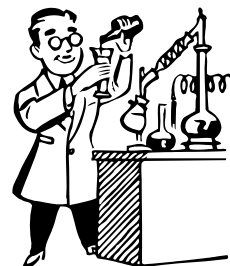
RE

The children will be studying places of worship. They will be developing an understanding of where Christians, Muslims and Sikhs worship.



DT

In technology this term the children will be learning how to sew. They will learn different types of stitches to create their own cushion. We will also be looking at Chinese food. They will have the opportunity to taste a selection of foods then make their own.



Science

In Years 2 and 3, the children will be learning about plants. They will look at the different parts of a plant and identify their jobs. We will also be understanding how plants grow.



Music

This term the children will be looking at traditional Chinese music. They will be learning about the pentatonic scale and using this to create their own compositions.



French

In Year 3, the children will be learning French. They will be learning greetings, numbers, colours, animals and useful phrases that they could use.