



Year 3 Autumn Term 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back for another term at Winhills! We hope you had a wonderful time off during the Summer holidays and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. Our focus this term is to settle the children, establish routines and expectations and enjoy our learning. 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 key texts, with the first story being 'In to the Forest' by Anthony Browne. This is based around the traditional tale of little Red riding hood and refers to other traditional tales. This story, and all the texts we will use throughout the term, will engage and excite the children whilst being the stimulus for writing. This term, the children will be improving their descriptive writing, writing recounts and stories as well as looking at poetry. Additionally, they will be using their writing skills across the curriculum, in lessons such as Science and in the ICE Topic.

Maths

As with English, our Maths lessons will be following the National Curriculum. This term, Year 3 will be learning all about number, place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division. The children will use lots of practical resources in all maths lessons to support their learning whilst also discussing their thinking by reasoning.

Homework

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 every day**. 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 and writing. In addition, children will have spellings sent home each week. We will hand these out on a **Wednesday and need to be returned on the following Monday**. Please help your child learn their spellings each week by quizzing, reading and writing them. For Maths homework, the children complete Maths Whizz (www.whizz.com), an online maths education website that is tailored to each individual child. The children are required to complete **45 minutes** of Maths Whizz per week. Maths Whizz will start each Monday, and 45 minutes must be completed by the following Sunday evening. If your child has no access to the internet, written homework can be provided. Please speak to your child's teacher about this.

In addition, children are required to practise multiplication tables and division facts to aid rapid recall. IN school the children will be using **TT Rock Stars** (www.ttrockstars.com) to learn their times tables, and they should practise this at home for **15 minutes** each week using the free app for phones, tablets and laptops. Every week these will be checked by a member of your child's class.

PE

Year 3 will have both indoor 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 summer/autumn weather.

We will also have lots of outdoor learning so children will need a pair of wellies, coat, summer/winter hat in school every day.

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

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

Mrs Knott
Phase Lead

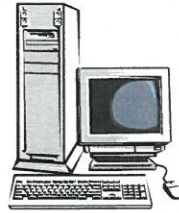
Autumn Term Curriculum Topics for Years 3



Topic

Romans

In this history topic, we will be looking at the Roman Empire. The children will have time to discover how the Romans changed England, explore how they lived and learn what it was like to live as a roman child.



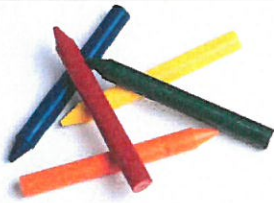
ICT

The children will begin to use the programming software called 'Scratch'. The children will also be programming the Beebots. They will also learn how to keep safe online and to use the internet safely.



Science

Our topic this half term is 'Animals including humans'. The children will learn all about the human body. We will learn what humans need to survive as well as taking a closer look at the human skeleton and muscle structure.



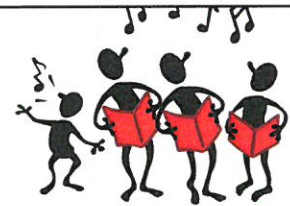
Art

To begin with, the children will be exploring their art and design skills with a focus on painting with tints and shades. They will then moving on to craft where they will design and create a range of puppets.



RE

For the first half of the term the children will learn all about Islam. Then they will move on to looking at Christianity and the Christmas story.



Music

This term the children will be learning all about Ballads. The children will be performing their own ballads by writing their own lyrics and singing.



PE

This term, the children be focusing on agility. They will be focusing on changing speed and direction effectively. Throughout the term, the children will be learning to control and adapt their reflexes, coordination, balance and speed



DT

Our technology this term will focused on food technology. The children will design and make their own healthy fruit tarts and fruit kebabs using seasonally fruits. The children will be learning where in the world certain fruits come.



PHSE

This term we will be looking at *families and relationships*. We will be discussing different families and looking at how to build relationships.