



Years 1, 2 and 3 Spring Term 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back for another term at Winhills! We hope you had a wonderful time off during the Christmas holidays and are looking forward to an important term ahead. Our main focus this year will be towards the Year 2 SATS tests and the Phonic Screen test for Year 1 which will take place in the Summer Term. 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 for Years 2 and 3 being 'Into the Forest' and Year 1 'The Lonely Beast'. 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 writing diary entries, recounts, reports and stories. 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. Year 2 will be learning about money, multiplication and division and measurement. Year 3 will be learning multiplication, perimeter, fractions and capacity. The children will use lots of practical resources in all maths lessons to support their learning whilst also discussing their thinking by reasoning. Year 1 are starting the term learning about place value before moving on to look at addition and subtraction. They will use resources for all their learning before then discussing their learning with each other.

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, Years 1 and 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 1, 2 and 3 will have both indoors and outdoor PE sessions every. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school at all times, and are prepared for the changeable winter/spring 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 literacy and numeracy 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.

Spring Term Curriculum Topics for Years 1, 2 and 3



Topic

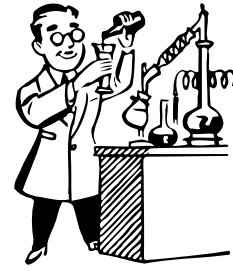
Eager Explorers

In this history topic, we will be looking into famous explorers throughout history. We will be exploring the exciting journeys of Neil Armstrong, Christopher Columbus, Mary Anning, Amelia Earhart to name a few.



ICT

The children will be programming Beebots using algorithms. They will also be looking at how computers are built and how they work.



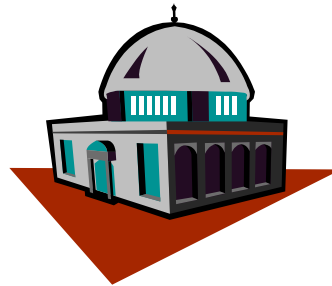
Science

In Years 2 and 3, the children will be learning about magnets followed by animals. The children will investigate how magnets work. In Year 1, the children will be learning about plants and habitats.



Art

To begin with the children will be exploring significant artists and recreating famous artwork. They will also be creating patterns using printing techniques.



RE

The children will be studying new beginnings so they will be comparing how different religions celebrate the beginning and ending of life.



Music

This term the children will be looking at composition and composing a soundtrack to an animation.



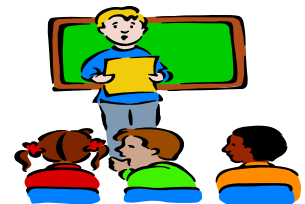
PE

Throughout the term, the children will be focusing on their gymnastic ability and their coordination.



DT

In technology this term the children will be looking at different pneumatic toys and they will be designing and creating their own to a specification.



PHSE

This term we will be looking at *Friendships*. We will be discussing different types of friendships and how to be a good friend.