



## Key Stage 1 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 'The Last Wolf' based on the traditional story of Little Red Riding Hood but with a surprising twist. These stories, 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 and stories. 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 1 and year 2 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.

### PE

KS1 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  
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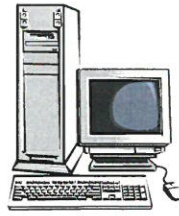
## Spring Term Curriculum Topics for Years 1 and 2



### **Topic**

#### *Romans*

In this history topic, we will be looking at the Roman Empire. The children we 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.



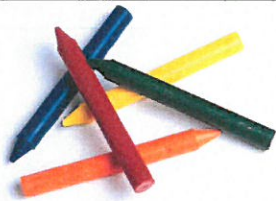
### **ICT**

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.



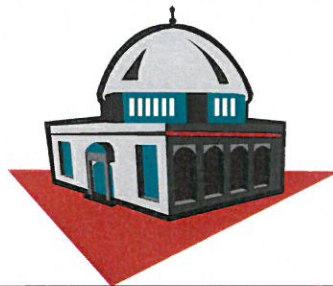
### **Science**

Our topic this half term is 'Animals including humans'. The children will learn to categorise different animals as well as learn what different species need to live and grow.



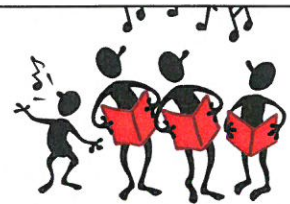
### **Art**

To begin with the children will be exploring the 'formal elements of art'. The children will be focusing on shape, colour and lines. Later on in the term, they will use these skills to look at the human form and create art based on it.



### **RE**

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



### **Music**

This term the children will be learning all about orchestral instruments. They will begin to learn to identify different instruments within an orchestra.



### **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 be split into two parts. First the children will design and make their own healthy wrap. After that, they will explore different chair designs before finally making their own.



### **PHSE**

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