



## **Year 1 Summer Term 2023**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back for our Summer term at Winhills! We hope you had a wonderful time off during the holidays and are looking forward to a busy term ahead. The children have returned with great enthusiasm for their learning and have been really keen to improve their independence. 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 and 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 stories, recounts, diaries and poems. We have started the Summer Term by writing a non-chronological report about the area close to our school using our walk as inspiration. Throughout the term we will also look at the stories 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak, the traditional tale of 'Town Mouse and Country Mouse' and a series of stories by Julia Donaldson. 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 for non-fiction writing and instructions and in the ICE Zone. Throughout the term we are also going to be focusing on spelling, especially to improve the children's spelling of common exception and tricky words.

### **Maths**

As with English, our Maths lessons will be following the National Curriculum. This term the children will learn about multiplication and division by grouping and sharing, fractions of a half and quarter of objects and quantities, place value up to 100, money and time. The children will use lots of practical resources in all maths lessons to support their learning whilst also discussing their thinking by reasoning. The children will also continue with fluency sessions to help their speedy recall of number facts. This will be linked to their rainbow recall awards which they can earn. These are awarded for knowing and finding number facts, such as finding 10 more or 10 less than a given number, knowing their number bonds within 10, 20 and 100 or doubling and halving numbers.

### **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 everyday as they are checked. We would very much appreciate you listening to your child's reading and discussing their book with them and ask 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.

Spelling homework will come home 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. In addition, children are required to complete 30 minutes of Numbots each week.

### **P.E**

PE sessions will continue every Wednesday. We are hoping these sessions will be outside so please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for this. PE kit is a white t shirt, dark joggers or shorts and trainers. Earrings must be removed.

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 regular newsletters 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 class dojo page.

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

## Summer Term Curriculum Topic – 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 here and across the world by looking at maps, pictures and videos and exploring our local area. After that, they will learn about the geography of China, focussing on Shanghai, and compare it to St Neots.



### Art

To begin with the children will be looking at traditional Chinese art. In the ICE zone, they will be creating willow plate paintings and sculptures. In the classroom, they will be learning how to weave to create a visual masterpiece.



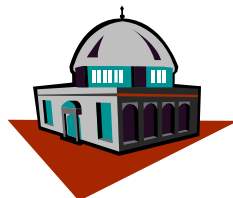
### PE

Throughout the term, the children will be focusing on the skills used to play cricket. They will learn how to bat, bowl and field before taking part in cricket style games.



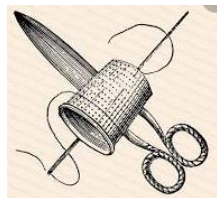
### Science

In Science this term, the children will learn about materials, plants and seasonal changes. They will investigate different types of materials and discover what material is the best for a given use. They will observe the changes as the season moves from spring to summer and grow plants to investigate the best conditions.



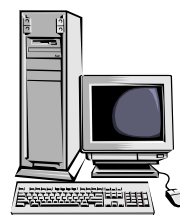
### RE

The children will explore kindness and caring for others in their RE lessons. We will learn about different religions and what it means to care for each other. Each in the ICE zone, the children will be learning about Buddhism and the symbols associated with this.



### DT

In technology this term, the children will be making a windmill. They will have to design their windmill and then build the structure. We will learn about axles to ensure the windmill turns and will test and evaluate them once they are built.



### ICT

The children will be programming Beebots using algorithms. They will then debug algorithms to make them correct. The children will also be using computers to create, handle and assess data that they collect.



### Music

This term the children will be listening to classical music. They will learn about pitch, tempo and dynamics and use their knowledge to create music that imitates animal movements.



### PSHE

The children will learn about economic wellbeing in their PSHE lessons. They will discuss ways they can get money, ways to keep it safe and then we will find out about all the different jobs in school. Next term, the children will share things that they are fantastic at while we think about our transition to Year 2.