



## **Years 1, 2 and 3 Autumn Term 2022**

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 the term ahead. Our main focus this year will be the Phonic Screen test for Year 1 and Key Stage 1 SATs for Year 2 which will both 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 being 'Toby and The Great Fire of London'. 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 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. The children will be learning place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and measurement. The children will use lots of practical resources in all maths lessons to support their learning whilst also discussing their thinking by reasoning.

### **Homework**

In Years 1, 2 and 3 the children 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 remember to return their homework on time.

In Years 1 and 2 the children will also be expected to complete 30 minutes of Numbots every week. In Year 3 the children are expected to complete 15 minutes of TT Rock Stars and 30 minutes of Maths Whizz every week. Homework will be monitored and checked weekly. The children have a chance to earn Dojo points for their homework. You will find your child's login for these websites in their reading diary.

Children need to read 5 times a week and complete a book talk. Please write in their reading diary each time they read and **reading diaries must be in everyday**. We would very much appreciate you listening to your child 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. Every day, reading diaries will be checked so we value any feedback you can provide us with. The children in Years 1 and 2 will be reading on our book banded levels and in Year 3 they will be using the Accelerated Reader scheme. The children in Year 3 will complete online quizzes in school after reading a book.

### **P.E**

Years 1, 2 and 3 will have PE every Wednesday. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school at all times (this includes a change of shoes) and are prepared for the changeable Autumn weather. Long hair must be tied back and earrings must be removed to participate.

We will also have outdoor learning so children will need a pair of wellies and a suitable coat 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 Class Dojo page.

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

## Autumn Term Curriculum Topics for Years 1, 2 and 3.



### **Topic**

#### *The Great Fire of London*

In this history topic, we will be looking at the fire itself, how it started, what happened and famous people such as Samuel Pepys. The children will also look into the history of the fire service and houses through time.



### **Computing**

The children will be carrying out research throughout the topic. They will move on to begin to use the programming software called 'Scratch'. The children will also be programming the Beebots.



### **Science**

Year 1 will be looking at animals including humans. Years 2 and 3 will be looking at rocks followed by light. The children across all year groups will have a focus on investigative skills as well as knowledge and understanding.



### **Art**

To begin with, the children will be exploring colour and learning how to mix all the colours of the rainbow. The children will then be looking at different styles of art work and recreating their own master pieces in these styles.



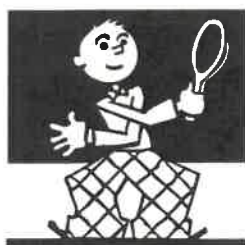
### **RE**

The children will be studying Christianity, and different places of worship. The children will also learn to identify the different parts of churches.



### **Music**

This term, the children will be learning to repeat and create a pattern using a range of percussion instruments. They will also learning 'London's Burning'. Years 2 and 3 will also be learning and understanding ballads.



### **PE**

This term the children will use their skills learnt last term to play different games. They will learn various different bat and ball games.

We also have dance where we will be learning new skills and moves.



### **DT**

Our technology this term will involve the children designing and creating their very own Tudor house. They will be focusing on their joining techniques



### **PHSE**

This term we will be looking at *safety*. We will be discussing different ways of being safe in different scenarios. This also includes how to stay safe online. The children will also be learning about families and friendships.