



Curriculum Newsletter Year 2 Spring 1 We Are Britain

Dear Windmill Family,

What a brilliant first term the children have had, we can't believe we are approaching Christmas already! Our next theme is 'We Are Britain' and we have lots of exciting learning lined up.

Trips and Visitors for the year

Spring 1 – We are Britain

Spring 2-Awesome Authors In this term we will hopefully having a visit from a storyteller.

Summer 1 –Summer Watch We will be out and about in school grounds, looking at habitats and growing our own plants.

Summer 2– Super Scientists We will be visiting the Think Tank Science Museum in Birmingham. The cost of the trip will be approximately £25. (Subject to Covid 19 guidance).



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We Are Britain

Our theme for Spring 1 is We Are Britain. We will learn about the lives of significant individuals from the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. In particular, we will study the kings and queens of the past and present. We will be learning about Raunds at the time of the Domesday Book. We will be learning about Motte and Bailey castles and the roles they played in our past. For our Wow day, the children will be transported back in time and take part in three medieval activities. They will be invited to join a medieval banquet and create a toy from that time period. **As part of this, we would like you to dress up in your medieval clothes.**



Science

During Spring 1, we will be continuing our learning of plants. We will be observing plants that we planted in Autumn 1 and coming to conclusions on what plants need to survive.



English

In KS1 the children do have daily phonics lessons - in these lessons they learn the individual sounds and the skills of blending and segmenting the sounds for reading and writing. The lessons also include reading books and the fluency of reading and recognising the red words as well as the comprehension of what the children are reading. We follow the RWInc scheme for reading and writing and you can see more information about how this scheme works here [Parent guide to Read Write Inc. Phonics | Oxford Owl](#). Once the children have completed the scheme, they will move onto the Power of Reading looking at the book, The Jolly Postman.

Reading

The children should be bringing home paper copies of the books they are reading in their phonics groups to share with you as well as their linked book bag book. They will also have 10 minutes at the end of lunchtime where they will have a story read to them by the assistant teacher in the class whilst the class teacher hears the children read individually

Maths

During Spring 1, the children will develop their confidence with using a number line to calculate answers. Towards the end of the term, the children will focus on a multiplication and division unit. This will involve using arrays, solving multiplication and division number sentences and using repeated addition and subtraction.

Times tables

Please support your child(ren) with the learning of their times tables. Children in Year 2 need to learn and recall facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables. After the Christmas break, they will be tested every week and all children will know which times table they need to be learning. If you could keep practising with your child we will all be times table superstars!

PSHE

In PSHE we will be learning about Healthy and Safer Lifestyles. We will focus on medicines and the roles of doctors, nurses and hospitals. This topic will help us to understand when we are poorly and what can be done to help us.

Thank you for your support. Have a lovely Christmas and make sure you recharge those batteries. We will see you in Spring 1!

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