



Windmill Hill Primary School

Autumn Term Curriculum Plan – Year 4

English	<p>This term, we are writing an ‘Autobiographical Snapshot’. Children will write 3 detailed chapters based on different aspects of their life – it is a wonderful opportunity for the class to get to know each other better whilst discovering which skills the children have managed to retain from the previous years. The children will discover the importance of the re-drafting process and learn to craft and retain details within their work to improve their writing.</p> <p>Reading is assessed and all children are encouraged to read a wide range of books including: myths, legends and traditional stories, modern fiction, fiction from our literary heritage, and books from other cultures and traditions. Pupils will practise their handwriting and be encouraged to increase the speed of it, so that problems with forming letters do not get in the way of writing down their ideas. We talk about the standard of handwriting and overall presentation that is expected for a range of different tasks</p>
Maths	<p>During the first term, there will be an emphasis on ‘Place Value’ and the four rules of ‘Number’. The prior learning is assessed and children work through all of the formal calculations methods: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The learning will lay the foundations for a growing emphasis on reasoning next half-term and will equip all pupils with the skills that they need to solve multi-step word problems. The working week will be split into arithmetic, reasoning and shape data and measure to reflect the proportion of learning objectives and the curriculum content.</p> <p>‘BIG Maths’ is introduced to all children and a baseline will be taken so that that each child has their own, individual target. ‘BIG Maths’ motivates all children to improve speed and accuracy when faced with number bonds and times tables: the skills that underpin the use of the formal methods.</p>
Science	<p>Electricity - In year 4, pupils will construct simple series circuits, to help them to answer questions about what happens when they try different components. All pupils will learn how to represent a simple circuit in a diagram using recognised symbols. In addition, children will be taught to take the necessary precautions for working safely with electricity.</p> <p>States of Matter - This ‘States of Matter’ unit will teach the class about the differences between solids, liquids and gases, classifying objects and identifying their properties. The children will work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate the weight of a gas. They will explore in-depth</p>



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	<p>how water changes state, exploring melting, freezing, condensing as well as a particular focus on evaporation. Finally, they will learn about the stages of the water cycle, creating mini water worlds and an interactive water wheel to represent the different stages</p>
Topic	<p>In History, all children will explore the life changing period of World War II. There will be a focus on the evacuation procedure and how it would feel to be a family in those circumstances. They will study the story of the war in its entirety, culminating in the 1945 surrender of the Nazi and the joy of peace.</p>
Computing	<p>This term, we will focus on e-safety by looking at how to use the internet safely and what to do if the children come across any dangers.</p> <p>We will be looking into computer programming using programs such as Daisy the Dino and 'Scratch' to work on basic algorithms and fault-finding.</p> <p>Children will learn how to use vital Microsoft Office software. Firstly, we will look at more advanced features of Microsoft Word and we will use Microsoft Excel to create custom graphs for self-assessment.</p>
PE	<p>In Dance, this term, the children will be practising for the Christmas play.</p> <p>In PE, the children will participate in a variety of invasion games. They will focus on the importance of team work and how to handle the ball correctly.</p>
French	<p>Madame Lila, our language specialist, will be teaching French every Wednesday.</p> <p>The children will get the opportunity to extend their vocabulary and research French customs and traditions. Children will build upon their work from last year and have further opportunities to build on their knowledge and understanding of the French language.</p>
PSHE	<p>In PSHE, we will be looking at new beginnings; the importance of achieving your goals and the significance of making friends and lasting relationships.</p>
Music / Performing Arts	<p>The children will continue to receive weekly singing lessons (every Tuesday) in assembly. During this time, the children will be learning a range of notes and songs.</p> <p>The children look forward to performing for you on a number of occasions this year, so that you can see the progress that they have made. Some children have volunteered to take part in the choir and will showcase their talents in a competition this term.</p>



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Music, as always, plays a major role in our Christmas performance. All children will have the opportunity to learn synchronised dance and singing in harmony. Children will have the chance to audition for solo singing performances.