



Windmill Hill Primary School

Curriculum Update – Miss Walsh

English	In English this term, we will continue to develop our literacy skills focusing on recount and journalistic writing. We will understand the key features of a recount text, analyse pieces of work and write our own recounts. We will establish the features of a newspaper report and start to write our own. We will also be developing our comprehension skills by continuing to have weekly lessons focusing on text types and answering questions. We will have daily handwriting sessions and continue to focus on SPAG throughout the year.
Maths	This term the children will be continuing to memorise their times tables to help them develop their ability to solve a range of problems. This term the focus is on fractions, decimals and percentages. The children will learn many methods based around these topics for example, how to find equivalent fractions, compare fractions, add and subtract fractions, find fractions of amounts and find decimal and percentage equivalents.
Science	States of Matter This term the children will be learning 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. Furthermore, they will have chance to find the ideal temperature to melt chocolate. They will explore in-depth 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. 'Properties and Changes of Materials' following on the children will then learn about different materials, their uses and their properties, as well as dissolving, separating mixtures and irreversible changes. The children will sort and classify objects according to their properties. They will explore the properties of materials to find the most suitable material for different purposes. The children will work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate the best thermal insulator to make a lunch box, making predictions and forming conclusions. They will have the opportunity to work in a hands-on way to explore dissolving, identifying the different variables in their own investigations. They will find out about different ways to separate mixtures of materials, using filtering, sieving and evaporating. Finally, they will learn about irreversible changes, and participate in two exciting investigations to create new materials, including casein plastic and carbon dioxide.
Topic	Ancient Egypt This topic will last two half terms which means the children will be able to learn in depth about the achievements of this ancient civilisation. They will learn about how and where the ancient Egyptians lived, what was important to the daily lives of Ancient Egyptians, who Tutankhamun was and how mummies were made. The children will also learn about how Egyptian people used hieroglyphs to communicate and compare the powers of different gods.
Computing	This term, we will continue to focus on e-safety - looking at how to use the internet safely and what we should do if we come across any dangers. We will be using the internet to collect factual information for our reports. After that, we will be looking into computer programming, using programmes such as Scratch.
PE	In Dance, this term, the children will be using a range of movements and patterns. In PE, the children will participate in a variety of invasion games.

	They will focus on the importance of team work and work on their kicking skills. Towards the end of the term the children will learn the skills to play netball.
French	Madame Lila will be teaching French every Wednesday. The children will get the opportunity to extend their vocabulary and learn 'Le fermier dans son pre' which is a traditional French song. They will also describe members of their family and be able to ask questions about their family.
PSHCE	In PSHCE this term we will be looking at new beginnings, new year resolutions, the importance of achieving your goals and the significance of making friends and lasting relationships.
Music / Performing Arts	<p>The children will continue to receive monthly instrument lessons where they will learn how to play more complex rhythms on instruments using fun sentences to keep in time; use African and samba rhythms; introduce up to three rhythms at once and play each rhythm on a different instrument. They will play more complex rhythms using sentences. The children will also continue to receive weekly singing lessons. 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 this term.</p>