



Windmill Hill Primary School

Years 3 and 4 Mrs Drinkwater and Mr Ross
Curriculum Update -

English	<p>Together as a class we will be reading and discussing some modern stories, Michael Rosen poems and tongue twisters.</p> <p>We will be looking at how to use prefixes, suffixes, brackets, dashes and hyphens to help improve our writing.</p> <p>We will also be learning about homophones.</p> <p>We are going to carry on with newspaper reports and other types of non-fiction writing linked to our topic.</p> <p>We will try to write our own poems, riddles and tongue twisters.</p> <p>Reading comprehensions will continue to be used to help develop our understanding of different text types as well as our reading aloud skills.</p> <p>Weekly spellings are going to be tested every Friday morning to help improve our spelling skills.</p>
Maths	<p>We will use our maths skills to help solve various real life problems using money.</p> <p>We will look at statistics: how they are gathered, displayed & how to interpret them.</p> <p>We will be learning how to estimate and then accurately measure weight, length and capacity - we will use decimals.</p> <p>We will look at geometry- at tangrams, shapes, symmetry and angles.</p> <p>We will count in roman numerals I-XII, linked to our topic.</p> <p>We will continue to learn and apply our times tables.</p>
Science	<p>The children will be encouraged to raise their own questions about the world around them. They will begin to make decisions about the most appropriate scientific enquiry to help answer questions and recognise when a fair test is necessary.</p> <p>Plants We will look at: the functions of plant parts, explore what plants need to grow, how water is transported within plants and the life cycle of flowering plants.</p> <p>Rocks We will: compare and group rocks based on appearance and properties, study how and where fossils are formed and explore different soils.</p>
Topic	<p>Our topic is history based –The Roman Empire & it's impact on Britain. We will study key figures including Julius Caesar, Claudius and Boudicca. We will look at the power of the army and the 'Romanisation' of Britain.</p> <p>In the second half of this term we will be doing a topic related to the sea and pirates ready for our summer trip.</p>
Computing	<p>We will continue to look closely at the issue of e-safety and how to avoid dangers. We will look at Comic Life and use the internet to research our own topics and help us produce presentations.</p>
PE	<p>The children will focus on striking and fielding skills.</p> <p>They will do athletics –running, jumping, collecting, throwing and target practice. They will be encouraged to invent their own outdoor games using these skills.</p> <p>Miss Kirsty is doing dance and gymnastics.</p> <p>Year 3 children will be going swimming for half a term.</p>
French	<p>Every Wednesday Mme Lila will be continuing to develop the children's ever increasing vocabulary and familiarising them with French customs and traditions. They will do role play and sing songs.</p>
PSHCE	<p>In circle time this term we will be looking at 'it's good to be me',</p>



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	'keeping safe', 'changes' and 'making the most of my chances'.
Music / Performing Arts	The children will receive monthly percussion lessons from Gareth where they will use tongue twisters to help improve diction. Mrs Price is taking the class for singing every Wednesday. The success of our weekly whole school singing practice can be heard each Friday morning in our celebration assembly. All the children will be working towards our summer production.
Forest School	As we start again in the forest we will be looking to develop our love & understanding of nature - through exploration, imagination and fun