



Windmill Hill Primary School

Autumn Term 2021 Curriculum Plan

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This plan may be adapted at various points to allow for children's interests to be explored.

Communication and Language	<p>This term, we will be developing the children's listening and attention skills. Through playing games such as, 'Simon Says' and 'Fruit Salad', the children will learn how develop concentration skills. To develop the children's understanding of language, we will ask key questions whilst reading and playing. The children will develop their speaking skills by describing 'All About Me' photographs of special times with their families or special toys they have at home. We will use our nature study to help develop the children's vocabulary and encouraging them to talk about autumn. The children will explore rhyme and alliteration and play games such as 'I Spy'. Some children will take part in 'Talk Boost' intervention. We use the games from this intervention as a whole class to develop communication skills.</p>
Literacy	<p>This term, we will be introducing our children to our first set of 'Super Six' stories including, 'The Naughty Bus' by Jan and Jerry Oke and 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson. We will use these books to sequence pictures from the story. We will encourage the children to retell the stories using actions, props and pictures. The children will begin to produce story maps. Initially, in phonics, we will focus on developing listening skills and practising oral blending and segmenting. We will then move onto learning letter sounds. We are expecting a visit from 'Mike the Message Monster' who will encourage the children to explore early mark making and message writing.</p>
Mathematics	<p>This term, we will be teaching and learning mathematics in phases.</p> <p>Phase One – Just Like Me – During this phase, the children will be given lots of opportunities to explore sorting and matching objects. The children will also compare amounts using the vocabulary 'fewer' and 'more than'. The children will also compare size, mass and capacity. They will also copy, continue and create their own patterns.</p> <p>Phase Two – It's me 123- During this phase, the children will recognise, compare and compose numbers 1, 2 and 3. The children will learn about the properties of circles and triangles and will hear and begin to use positional language.</p> <p>Phase Three – Light and dark – During this phase, the children will continue to recognise, compare and compose numbers to 5. The children will explore the concept of 'one more' and 'one less'. They will learn about the properties of four-sided shapes. Night and day will be used to help the children to learn about time.</p>
Understanding the World	<p>Past and present- To help the children gain an understanding of the past, this term we will be exploring pictures of the children as babies and talking</p>

	<p>about how we have changed. We will focus on how our forest changes as the seasons change. We will also use the 'All About Me' bags to encourage children to talk about their lives.</p> <p>The World- By immersing the children in different stories, we have the opportunity to develop their understanding of the world around them in many ways. For example, through our 'Naughty Bus' story, we will be finding out about cities such as London. We will be investigating floating and sinking. We will also be looking at reflections and exploring which materials we can see our reflections in. We will think of places the Naughty Bus could visit and look at simple maps. As part of our 'Wanderlust Nature Program', we will be developing the children's understanding of the world around them by exploring autumn. We will look at how the season of autumn changes our immediate environment, what happens to our local wildlife during the season of autumn and changes to plants and trees during autumn.</p> <p>People, Culture and Communities- The children will be encouraged to describe special celebrations that they have had with their family and will then learn about different celebrations across three of the world's major religions – Christianity, Hinduism and Islam. They will begin to understand the important religious events for these religions. They will have the opportunity to reflect on celebrations that they have been a part of, as well as what they would like to celebrate in the future. The children in Reception class will have weekly French sessions. During these sessions, they will learn some simple French vocabulary such as greetings, numbers, colours and parts of the body. The children will find out about life in France and how they celebrate special times such as Christmas.</p>
<p>Expressive Art and Design</p>	<p>This term, we will be asking the children to draw, paint and create self-portraits using a range of media and materials. We will be encouraging them to talk about and draw family portraits to help us get to know them better. As the season changes, we will explore the work of Andy Goldsworthy and use the story 'The Leaf Man' as a stimulus for our work. We will collect natural objects such as leaves and conkers to use for our artwork. We will also be doing creative activities linked to festivals and celebrations, such as Diwali patterns, firework pictures and Christmas cards. Our drama and dance lessons will be based on our Christmas Nativity. The children will be given plenty of opportunities to develop their imagination through role play and small world activities linked to stories we have shared. We will be following the Music scheme 'Charanga'. This term, the children will listen and respond to a range of different genres of music and learn to sing a range of nursery rhymes and action songs.</p>
<p>Physical Development</p>	<p>The children will participate in lots of physical activities in Reception, riding bikes, climbing, running and jumping. The children will be using 'Squiggle</p>

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	<p>Whilst 'You Wiggle' movements to get them ready for writing. They will also take part in 'Funky Fingers' sessions to help refine their fine motor skills. They will also spend time learning basic principles of a PE lesson such as, finding space, freezing on command, using and sharing equipment and working individually, with a partner and within a larger group. The children will take part in activities which will develop fundamental movement skills such as running, jumping and skipping. We will be encouraging the children to manage their own basic hygiene needs, including handwashing and will highlight the importance of this. We will be taking part in regular dance lessons with Miss Kirsty and preparing for our Christmas performance.</p>
<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</p>	<p>This term, we will be introducing the children to our class/school rules. We will be getting to know lots of new people in our class and around school. We will be finding out about each other using 'All About Me' bags. We will be encouraging the children to develop confidence and independence in following regular routines throughout the school day - such as, self-registration, taking care of their belongings and toileting. We will be celebrating children's achievements in our Class Celebration Assembly. We will use the PSHE scheme 'Jigsaw' to support the children's personal, social and emotional development through the themes 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Differences'.</p>