



Windmill Hill Primary School

Spring Term 2025 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 continue to develop the children's listening and attention skills. We will also focus on developing the children's ability to speak in sentences and extend their range of vocabulary. We will use our 'Steps to Read' key texts to teach new vocabulary and ask 'anchor questions' to develop the children's understanding. We will continue to use our nature study to develop the children's vocabulary and encourage them to talk about the world around them. Some children will take part in 'Wellcomm' interventions and we will use games from the 'Wellcomm Big Book of Ideas' as a whole class to develop language and communication skills.</p>
Literacy	<p>This term, we will be using the key texts; Juniper Jupiter and Little Red from our 'Read to Write' scheme. We will use these stories to encourage the children to attempt writing for different purposes. Examples of our tasks include writing a letter to a superhero and a list of instructions on how to trap an animal. We will also be immersing ourselves in the stories and planning and writing sentences to make our own stories. We will be developing the children's word reading and language comprehension using key texts such as, 'Superbat' and 'Little Red Riding Hood', from our 'Step's to Read' scheme. In phonics, we will continue to revisit phases one and two whilst learning new phonemes in phase three. We will be securing the skill of blending and segmenting cvc words. We will continue to practise forming our letters using our letter formation stories. We will continue to practise writing our names and some children will learn to write their surnames this term.</p>
Mathematics	<p>During spring term pupils we will continue to develop the children's subitising and counting skills and explore the composition of numbers within and beyond 5. They will begin to identify when two sets are equal or unequal and connect two equal groups to doubles. They will begin to connect quantities to numerals.</p> <p>The children will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• continue to develop their subitising skills for numbers within and beyond 5, and increasingly connect quantities to numerals• begin to identify missing parts for numbers within 5• explore the structure of the numbers 6 and 7 as '5 and a bit' and connect this to finger patterns and the Hungarian number frame• focus on equal and unequal groups when comparing numbers understand that two equal groups can be called a 'double' and connect this to finger patterns• sort odd and even numbers according to their 'shape'• continue to develop their understanding of the counting sequence and link

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	<p>cardinality and ordinality through the 'staircase' pattern</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• order numbers and play track games• join in with verbal counts beyond 20, hearing the repeated pattern within the counting numbers
Understanding the World	<p>Past and present- As we will be learning about 'superheroes' we will use everyday examples of superheroes to help us learn about the past and present. We will look at images of emergency services and other people who help us, from the past and today and compare them.</p> <p>The Natural World- We will continue to use the 'Wanderlust Nature Programme' to develop children's understanding of the world around them by exploring winter. We will look at how the season of winter changes our immediate environment and what happens to our local wildlife and plant life during the season of winter. Later on in the term, we will be looking for signs of spring and the changes that happen during this season.</p> <p>People, Culture and Communities- this term we will learn about which stories and books are special for certain people and why? We will become familiar with the idea that some books are sacred and holy. They will learn stories from the Bible and Qur'an and know that they are special to Christians and Muslims. We will also think about how our community celebrate special times such as 'Pancake day' and 'Easter'.</p>
Expressive Art and Design	<p>We will use key texts to influence our art work and create super hero accessories such as masks and arm bands and design our own superhero capes. We will observe and paint or draw natural objects such as flowers and ice. We will also be doing creative activities liked to festivals and celebrations such as Chinese New Year crafts and Easter cards.</p> <p>We will be following the Music scheme 'Charanga' in which, this term, the children will listen and respond to a range of different genres of music and learn to sing a range of action songs.</p>
Physical Development	<p>The children will continue to participate in lots of physical activities in Reception, riding bikes, climbing, running and jumping. In PE, the children will develop their understanding of playing games. Children will practise and further develop fundamental movement skills through games. They will also learn how to score and play by the rules, how to work with a partner and begin to understand what a team is, as well as learning how to behave when winning and losing. The children will also develop their basic gymnastic skills. Children explore basic movements, creating shapes, balances, and jumps and begin to develop rocking and rolling. They show an awareness of space and how to use it safely and perform basic skills on both floor and apparatus. They copy, create, remember and repeat short sequences. They begin to understand using levels and directions when traveling and balancing. They will also take part in 'Funky Fingers' sessions to help refine their fine motor</p>

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	<p>skills. We will be continuing encouraging children to manage their own basic hygiene needs, including handwashing and will extend this to managing their own clothing and fastenings such as zips on coats and buttons on cardigans and t-shirts.</p>
<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</p>	<p>This term, we will be encouraging children to show confidence in school and will be developing their independence continuing to encourage them to take care of themselves and others. We will continue to celebrate children's achievements in Celebration Assembly. We will use the PSHE scheme 'Jigsaw' to support the children's personal, social and emotional development through the themes 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me'.</p>