



Windmill Hill Primary School

Curriculum Update - Year 1 & 2 Mr East

English	In the first half-term, we will be looking at traditional stories with familiar settings. In the second half-term, we will be studying instructions and poetry. Children will be given the chance to write their own instructions. In poetry, children will look at patterns in poems and how to write their own.
Maths	This term, children will be looking at number. Children will learn how to count forwards and backwards in steps of 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10. They will look at place value of 2 digit numbers. We will be recalling addition and subtraction facts and looking at mental and written methods for adding and subtracting.
Science	In Science, we will be looking at the use of 'everyday' materials. This will be done by identifying and comparing the suitability of: wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses.
Topic	The Topic that will be covered will be 'The Place Where I Live'. We will be looking at the history of the local area. This will involve looking at the name and place of where we live; what the area looked like a long time ago and what this tells us about life in times gone by. Also, we will look at the local landmarks on a map – focusing on where children go to play. Children will look at maps of the local area and learn basic geographical vocabulary to refer to physical and human features.
Computing	In ICT, we will focus first on e-safety looking at how to use the internet safely and what we should do if we come across any dangers. Then we will look at computer programming using apps such as 'Kodable' and 'Daisy the Dinosaur'.
PE	Colin will be teaching the fundamentals of balance. This will be transferred into games where children will work on large ball skills, such as throwing and catching. They will be given the chance to invent their own games. Kirsty will be teaching Dance and Drama to the children focusing on various skills. This will all link together for the Christmas play.
French	Madame Lila will be teaching French every Wednesday afternoon extending vocabulary - looking into French customs and traditions.
PSHCE	Children will take part in 'Circle Time' focusing on new beginnings, getting on and falling out.
Music / Performing Arts	Children will be working with Mrs Price. They will listen and sing following patterns in songs. Children will find their singing voices, sing collectively and start to sing as individuals. In addition, children will receive monthly instrument lessons. This term, in Drama lessons, children will be focusing on the Christmas production.