



# Windermere Primary School

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Dear Parents/carers,

I hope that you have had a relaxing Christmas break and are well rested. Here is a list of topics that your children will be studying in the spring term.

## English

We will use a range of books, including picture books to inspire some writing. Spellings will be taught on a daily basis. Reading books will be changed on a Thursday and the children will also have a second book from the library to take home and read.

Spellings will be given out on a Monday and the spelling dictation will occur on a Friday.

## Maths

Key skills we will be learning:

- multiplication and division – revising multiplication facts and learning to multiply and divide a two-digit number by a one-digit number.
- number work focusing on fractions – fractions of amounts and fractions on a number line.
- measures - money
- length and perimeter
- solving problems choosing the appropriate operation

## Science

The power of force – exploring different forces and magnets.

Can you see me? – exploring how we see different objects and the role light plays in helping us to see.

## Computing

Exploring branching databases and learning to programme sounds in a sequence.

## Art

Cloth, thread and paint – combining paint and sewing to create an abstract piece of art.

## Design and Technology

In D & T we will be exploring shell structures (different types of packaging) creating our own nets, before designing our own packaging for containing biscuits.



## **Geography**

In geography we will be revisiting our mapping skills, using atlases to identify continents and European countries. We will then be comparing and contrasting St Albans with the French town of Chantilly.

## **History**

In history we will be continuing to learn about the Ancient Egyptians.

## **PE**

In PE will develop our skills in gymnastics/football/dance and netball.

Our PE days will be Monday and Thursday and we expect the children to have their PE kit in school and on their pegs every day. This should include jogging bottoms for the colder weather and a separate pair of trainers.

## **Helping your child**

There are a number of ways that you can help your child to achieve their full potential at school.

- Aim for 98% attendance and arrive at school on time.
- Give them an appropriate breakfast.
- Make sure they go to bed at a reasonable time (and avoid 'screens' for at least half an hour before bedtime).
- Read them a story and listen to them read.
- Help them to complete their homework and to learn their spellings.
- Help them to learn their times tables
- Ensure they have all the necessary equipment for school.

## **Equipment:**

Every day your child should bring to school:

- named water bottle
- reading book
- reading record
- PE kit (should be left at school throughout the week)
- named lunchbox if required

As with previous year groups, the homework grid will go up onto Google Classroom and any work produced from it can simply be uploaded onto Google Classroom.

Kind regards

Miss Clark