

# Winkleigh Primary School



## Year 1- Autumn Term 2024

I hope everyone has had a lovely Summer break and that the children are feeling ready to get back to school. We are prepared and excited to welcome them into Year One and introduce the new daily routines.

Mrs Ince and Mrs Illman will support the class, and we also welcome our new trainee teacher, Mrs Rives-Roberts who will be with us for both the Autumn and Summer terms. Mrs Luscombe will teach the class on a Monday.

We will be holding our welcome meeting in the Year One classroom on Wednesday 4th September at 3pm and we look forward to meeting with you then.

A typical day in Year One is quite different to Reception. The morning consists of Phonics, English, Maths and Guided Reading. After lunch, the children have a short 'mini-maths' and then usually two lessons in the afternoon. We will provide some continuous provision for the children during the Autumn term as they adjust to the increase in formal learning.

We will begin our English this term by learning about Simone Biles using the new 'Little People. Big Dreams' book. This forms part of a whole-school focus on 'Inspirational People'. We will then continue to use the 'Drawing Club' format of learning up until the half term break and will cover a range of texts and animations. This helps the transition process as the children all know and love the Drawing Club sessions. After half term, we will move onto a teaching sequence based on the text 'Oi Frog!' followed by 'The Train Ride' before the Christmas break.

In Maths, we focus on place value (numbers within 10) for the first five weeks. We then move on to addition and subtraction within 10 for the next five weeks. Finally finishing the term with some work on geometry – shape.

We will continue with Little Wandle phonics, building on from the learning in Reception. Specific spelling words will be emailed to you weekly to help you keep track of our phonics learning. Whilst these won't be formally tested in school, any additional work at home on those specific words and sounds will help children to learn to apply them independently in their reading and writing.

Guided reading takes place twice a week, beginning with decoding before moving on to prosody (expression) and comprehension. Books will be available to read online as they were in Reception and allocated weekly in line with our guided reading sessions.

On a Tuesday, an individual reading book will be sent home which is at a similar level to the text that your child is reading in their guided reading sessions. Children will also be encouraged to pick a 'love of reading book' from the class book corner on a Friday morning. This book can then be enjoyed at home.

In our wider curriculum, this half term, children will have Science, Geography, Art, Computing, PE, RE and PSHE. The details of the sequences can be found on the class page of our website. The subject overviews contain the learning objectives, key vocabulary and prior learning. These overviews also feature at the start of the sequence in the children's books and files. Children will be familiar with the information that the overviews contain and should provide a useful prompt for conversations at home.

We will have two PE slots each week, on Thursday lunchtimes and Friday afternoons. On these days, children should come to school in their PE kits – a white t-shirt, black or navy track suit trousers, leggings or shorts and trainers. This is also the case if your child attends any of the sports after-school clubs.

Children should bring a named water bottle and a book bag containing their reading record and message book to school. We do not check the children's message books, please ensure that they know to inform us if they have a message from home.

Our class cake sale is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. We ask for you to please have a go at baking some cakes, biscuits or sweet treats. The money raised provides valuable funds towards our class trips. Our first trip will be to Rosemoor on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September and we will also have an in-school 'Toys' workshop in November from Tiverton Museum.

It has come to our attention that more and more children have access to the internet independently at home. There has been a particular increase in children watching YouTube. Without supervision, it is possible to view very inappropriate content on this site. Please refer to the new eSafety pages on our website should you require support or guidance with this matter. There is a copy of our safe usage policy as well as a sheet for parents with lots of useful information on it.

If you have any questions about anything regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please send a message in your child's message book (please let them know they need to pass it to us!) or email [admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk) and we will try to get a reply within 48 hours.

Best Wishes,  
Mrs Keast