



# Windermere Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 1 and 2,

We hope you had a fabulous Christmas holiday with your families and that the children are looking forward to all their learning opportunities for the Spring term.

We will be doing lots of learning during this term as detailed below-

## English

- We will be learning to write to entertain using different narrative texts to inspire us, using Rapunzel and Julian is a mermaid. We will also be writing to inform, writing a report using the text 'Big blue whale' to aid us.
- We will continue doing guided reading in groups- the book will go home to be read three times to an adult over the following week on Thursday and the reading record needs to be signed by an adult each time they hear their child read so that your child can earn their reading reward. The children will need to keep it in their book bag as it will be needed in school each day. The books are taken in on Wednesday.
- In addition, the children will get a reading for pleasure book from the library. This book can be kept for more than a week and can be read by an adult to their child or with an adult. We visit the library every Thursday.
- Please encourage the children to read as much as possible so that they are practising their phonics and developing their vocabulary and developing their fluency.
- Phonics/spelling will be taught in separate year groups daily.
- Spellings will be sent home on Monday and tested on Friday.

## Maths

- Learning to add and subtraction with numbers to 100, using part part whole model and other representations.
- Understand basic multiplication as grouping division as grouping and sharing and become familiar with arrays.
- Measure using length and height using centimetres and metres.

## Science

In science we will name objects with the same use made from different materials, recognise that stretching, twisting, bending and squashing can cause some solid objects to change shape and name properties that make materials suitable for their use. We will also learn to identify characteristics of living things, match plants and animals to their habitats, give examples of how animals use their habitat for food and shelter and understand food chains.



## **Art**

In art we will be exploring expressive painting, colour mixing and producing abstract compositions.

## **Computing**

- Making music
- Pictograms

## **Design and technology**

In DT we will be comparing and designing ingredients to make dips.

## **Geography**

In geography we will be comparing our city of St Albans to another city in a non-European country, Sylhet. We will consider the differences in each city and make comparisons.

## **History**

In history we will learn about the Great Fire of London, why it happened and what happened as a result of it.

## **PE**

In PE will develop our skills in Drumba, dance, games for understanding and ball skills: sticks. Our PE days will be Tuesday and Friday and we expect the children to have their labelled PE kit in school and on their pegs that day.

## **Homework**

Your child's homework will include daily reading, practising weekly spellings and practise recognising numbers and counting to 100, practise counting in 2's, 5's and 10's ready for multiplication and division.

Please ensure all items of clothing are named and your child has a water bottle in class each day.

Kind regards

Mrs Clewett, Mrs Adams and Mrs Wilson