



Windermere Primary School

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Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back for the Summer Term. We are looking forward to consolidating learning from Year 5 so far and building skills ready to take into Year 6.

English

We will be using a range of texts to help us learn and apply different writing techniques, including The Spider and the Fly poem and explanations. We will continue to develop our understanding of punctuation to ensure that capital letters, full stops and commas are consistently used correctly and that sentences make sense and are complete. Spellings will continue to be given out on a Monday. It is very important that your child practises their spellings using Spelling Shed, to help them build confidence and become more fluent in their reading and writing. Reading books can be changed regularly throughout the week, and the children are also able to choose a second book from the library to take home and read. Please encourage them to read to and with you, signing their reading records at least once per week.

Maths

This term we will continue to work on our number skills, and use these more in reasoning and problem solving activities. We will also be focusing on:

- Perimeter and Area
- Shape
- Decimals and consolidating fractions
- Negative numbers

Science

Our topics this term are:

- Lifecycles in plants and animals
- Animals including humans- changes over time

Computing

We will be learning to:

- Physical Computing (Programming devices)
- Physical Computing (Programming quizzes)

Art

This term we will be developing our design skills in given settings.



Design and Technology

We will be finishing learning about textiles, and moving onto our new topic of:

- Framed Structures

Geography

We will be exploring climate zones and learning about biomes.

PE

In PE will work on some cricket skills, dance and athletics. Please can you ensure that your child has their PE kit in school at all times, as we are often able to participate in additional sessions especially when the weather is dry. If your child normally wears tights, they will also need a separate pair of socks in their PE bag as doing PE in tights does not support good hygiene. If your child cannot take earrings out they need to be taped over, watches (including fitbits and step trackers) are not permitted during PE lessons. Long hair must also be tied up for all PE lessons as well as during the school day.

Helping your child

In order to help your child learn effectively and grow in their independence, please support them to be ready and equipped for the school day.

- Make sure they go to bed at a reasonable time.
- Limit screen time in the evenings, especially just before bed.
- Listen to your child read each day and sign their journal. Children are able to choose a brand new book to keep from our Reading Reward collection in the library every time an adult at home has heard them read 25 times.
- Read a story to your child regularly.
- Help them to complete Spelling Shed assignments and practice their tables on TT Rockstars.
- Ensure they have all the right kit, uniform and water bottle for school.

Daily equipment:

- Named book bag, reading book, reading record, library book, named water bottle, clearly named clothing (uniform and PE kits), named lunchbox if required.

Best wishes,
The Year 5 team