

Winkleigh Primary School

Year 6 – Class Newsletter Spring Term 2025



Welcome back for the Spring term! I hope you have all had a fantastic Christmas break and that the children are ready to get back for the Spring Term.

We are very lucky to continue to have the support of Miss Jones throughout the week. The school day will remain very much the same as the Autumn term. The morning will consist of English and maths with two foundation subjects in the afternoons. We will continue with a weekly spelling test, the Around the World challenge as well as our knowledge retrieval quiz. The Around the World challenge will take place on a Wednesday and the spelling and retrieval quiz on Fridays.

In English, we will begin the year with *A Wizard of Earthsea*, a fiction text. Followed by *The Everyday Journeys of Ordinary things*, a non-fiction text that answers questions such as: What happens when you make a phone call? and How was this book made? We will look at many grammar features throughout our English sequences and will finish this term with a Harry Potter sequence that the children are very much looking forward to already!

In maths, we are starting with a short sequence on converting units of measurement before moving on to decimals and percentages which will also make links back to the fractions learning we did last term. After that, we will be looking at perimeter, volume and area. In the second half of the term, we will move on to some geometry sequences on position and direction and shape.

Our humanities subject to begin the year is Geography, we will be learning about South America making links back to the learning the children did in Year Four about North America. In science, we are focusing on animals and their habitats, learning about classification keys and microorganisms. In art, the children will be learning about the artist LS Lowry and using his style of painting to create one of their own inspired by his way of working. Finally, in RE the children will be answering the key question 'Creation and science: conflicting or complementary?'

The children continue to have two PE lessons a week, these will be on a Monday and Thursday afternoon. The children may continue to attend school in their PE kit on these days, as well as if they have a sports club after school. PE kit consists of black tracksuit bottoms/shorts, white t-shirt and navy PE hoodie. The children may wear black trainers every day as we will regularly make use of our running track. Children should be wearing their full school uniform on other days, more information can be found here: <https://www.winkleigh.devon.sch.uk/winkleigh/parent-information/uniform>.

We are pleased to continue to be able to offer wraparound care. Our Early Birds club runs from 07.45-08.45 offering the option of breakfast. Our All Sorts club runs from 15.30-18.00. Both of these can be booked via the gateway and offer a variety of activities through the week to engage all children.

Safeguarding is of paramount importance. Our designated safeguarding lead is Mrs V Fenemore, deputies are Mr W Slocombe and Mrs D Rowcliffe in the event that you have any concerns please contact them through admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk. Nationally, there has been an increase in children accessing the internet independently through a range of device, such as 'phones, gaming devices and tablets, it is possible to view very inappropriate content.

We promote key mental health values such as kindness; resilience and open communication; helping children to name and understand their feelings. Staff are trained to identify early signs of emotional difficulty, including changes in behaviour or engagement. Our Designated Mental Health Lead (DMHL), Mrs Rowcliffe, is the main point of contact for Early Help, supporting pupils and families to ensure concerns are identified early and appropriate support is put in place, she can be contacted through admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk.

If you have any questions about anything regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please email admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk and we will aim to reply within 48 hours. Message books are used in Key Stage One and Early Years and some information will be communicated through them. Teachers are not available at the start or end of the day as they are busy overseeing these transitions. If you require an appointment with me, as class teacher, via telephone or in person, please email admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk to arrange a suitable time.

Kind Regards, Miss McLean