



Dear Parents / Carer,

We hope that 2016 is going well for you.

Here is some information about some of the things that we will be learning about in school.

English	<p>The children will continue to develop their reading, writing and language skills. This will include :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speaking in sentences• completing drama activities and speaking clearly to the rest of the class• Writing in sentences with capital letters and full stops.• Starting to use! and ?• Using 'and' and 'because' to make their writing more interesting.• Writing short stories with a beginning, middle and end.• Blending sounds together to read words• Reading fluently• Understanding what has been read and answering questions <p>We will be reading traditional stories and books about water together.</p>
Maths	<p>The children will continue to develop their understanding of number, calculations, shape and measurement.</p> <p>They will do lots of activities working on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be able to count forwards and backwards to 100• Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s• Finding number bonds• Addition and subtraction• Telling the time (o'clock and half past)• Understanding place value• Learning about shapes and their properties
Science	<p>The children will learn about different materials.</p> <p>They will find out about materials which are man-made and natural.</p> <p>They will investigate which materials are best for different things.</p> <p>They will also learn about seasonal changes.</p> <p>In this they will learn how important the sun is. They will learn that weather is different around the world and also changes throughout the year in our country.</p>
Computing	<p>The children will continue to learn about e-safety. They will also complete programmes on the computers which support their learning in other subjects.</p> <p>They will also learn to :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use a word processing package to write simple sentences and will edit these.• Control simple toys by giving instructions

History	<p>The children will be learning that changes have occurred over time. Activities will include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking at books, photographs and television clips • Talking about the past using correct vocabulary • Putting events on a time line • Learning about toys in the past • Finding out how transport has changed over time • Learning about how Wingate has changed over time
Geography	<p>The children will learn about living in the UK, including naming important cities and rivers. They will learn about rivers and seas and will be able to name important ones in the world. This will be linked to 'British Values' They will learn about Wingate and the local area and will find out about different buildings and what they are used for.</p>
Art/DT	<p>The children will complete lots of art and craft activities to do with our topics. They will also learn to make things that move in DT. In Art, we will focus on using lots of different materials for different effects. In DT the children will learn how to make pictures with moving parts.</p>
Music	<p>The children will learn a range of different songs. Where possible, these will be related to our subject lessons. They will also learn to discuss what they have heard, investigate rhythm and beat and will add percussion.</p>
PE	<p>The children will be learning football skills with an visiting Sports teacher. They will also learn arrange of movement skills in relation to dance and gymnastics and will learn to put different movements together.</p>
RE	<p>The children will be covering 2 topics – Special People and Meals. They will learn about people who have special roles in our parish family and special times for Jesus. They will also learn about the parish family gathering for Mass, Jesus' special meal and the Last Supper. The period of Lent will be explored including how it is a time to prepare for Easter.</p>
Phonics	<p>The children will continue to learn new sounds and tricky words. They will practise blending the sounds together to read and breaking words into sounds (segmenting) to spell. They will play lots of games based on this.</p>

Your support from home is much appreciated. It is so important that you hear your child read every night, even if it just for a few minutes. Please can you also make sure that they have their sound and word pack in school every day and have been practising making words with the sounds.

A named PE kit should also be in school and can be taken home to be washed during the holidays.

Thank you very much.

Kind Regards

Miss Niven