



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.

Communication and Language Literacy	The children will continue to develop their reading, writing and language skills. This will include :- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speaking in sentences• Role-play activities• Listening and understanding games and activities• writing down the sounds that they can hear in words• Starting to leave spaces between words when they write• Writing names and other common words• Blending sounds together to read simple words• Enjoying looking at reading books• Investigating rhyming words <p>We will be reading traditional stories and books about water together.</p>
Mathematics	The children will continue to develop their understanding of number, shapes and measurement. They will do lots of activities working on:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Counting forwards and backwards to 20• Writing numbers• Investigating more and less• Simple addition and subtraction• Telling the time (o'clock)• Comparing how long and heavy things are• Learning about shapes
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	The children will take part in activities to help them develop good relationships with other children. They will learn about sharing and turn taking and how to be a good friend. They will learn about why we have rules and how we can work together.

Understanding the World	<p>The children will be learning that changes have occurred over time. They will do activities about things that have changed in their own lives and the lives of others. They will also learn about how Wingate has changed over time.</p> <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'</p> <p>They will learn about Wingate and the local area and will find out about different buildings and what they are used for.</p> <p>The children will have the opportunity to use different programmes on the computers and ipads.</p>
Expressive Arts and Design	<p>The children will complete lots of art and craft activities to do with our topics. We will focus on using lots of different materials for different effects. The children will be able to use lots of different tools. The children will make paintings, drawings, models and collages. 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>
Physical Development	<p>The children will be learning football skills with a 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> <p>The children will work on their fine motor skills through things like cutting, threading beads and drawing.</p> <p>They will also learn about things that they can do to be healthy.</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 at home. 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