



Dear Parents / Carer,

I have been really proud of the children and the progress that they are making. We are now in the summer term and are enjoying starting some new topics. Here is some information about some of the things that we will be learning about in school.

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| English | <p>The children will continue to develop their reading, writing and language skills. This will include :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain things that have happened in longer sentences (speaking)• Talking about their work and thinking about ways to improve it• Writing in sentences with capital letters and full stops.• Becoming more confident at using ! and ?• Joining 2 sentences together with 'and'• Writing short stories with a beginning, middle and end.• Blending sounds together to read words• Reading fluently• Understanding what has been read and giving opinions about it• Making predictions about what might happen next when reading |
| 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 and starting to learn these times tables• Using number bonds, doubles and halves to answer questions• Addition and subtraction• Telling the time (o'clock and half past) and knowing days and months• Understanding place value• Learning about shapes and their properties• Learning about measures (length, weight, capacity) |
| Science | <p>The children will continue to learn about seasonal changes. We will look at things that happen in Spring and then watch changes in plants and the weather as summer approaches.</p> <p>We will be learning about animals and where they live.</p> <p>As the weather gets better, we will also be looking at how things grow, particularly plants and will be planting our own seeds.</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">• Control simple programs by giving a set of instructions• Take photographs and record sound• Use ICT to sort information/data that has been collected |

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| History | The children will be learning that changes have occurred over time. The main focus will be on important events in their life time and the history of Wingate. We will be looking at how housing has changed over time in Wingate and at other important buildings. The children will also learn about the story of Grace Darling. |
| Geography | The children will continue to learn about living in the UK, including naming important cities and rivers. This will be linked to 'British Values' They will learn that we live near the North Sea. They will learn about Wingate and the local area and will talk about things they like and don't like. We will also think about things we can do to improve the area. |
| Art/DT | The children will complete lots of art and craft activities to do with our topics. In DT we are doing food technology and the children will learn about how to be safe when following different recipes. In Art the children will learn about work of Monet and Van Gogh and will use a range of techniques and materials to make their own pictures. |
| Music | The children will continue to learn a range of different songs. They will also use percussion instruments and will experiment with how the sounds they make can be changed. We will investigate the beat and rhythm in different music and will play games related to this. |
| PE | The children will be learning football and games skills with a coach from Sunderland. We will also be completing a range of activities to do with athletics including running, jumping and throwing. |
| RE | Children will learn about holy days and that Pentecost is a holy day when Christians celebrate the gifts of the Holy Spirit. They will also learn about the meaning of reconciliation, and that we have choice, and that God helps us to choose well and to be sorry, and that God forgives us. Finally, they will learn that the Church is universal, and that everyone is our neighbour and is loved by God. |
| Phonics | The children will continue to learn tricky words and how to read and write them. They will investigate how some letters can make different sounds in different words. They will work on different spelling patterns. |

Thank you for the support you give your child at home. 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 using them to practise at home. The children also need to be able to read and spell the tricky words which are in the pack and your help with this is much appreciated.

The children use lots of different resources for all the activities that we do. We try to include cooking activities regularly and also make play dough on a weekly basis. We are therefore going to start a baking fund and would be very grateful if you could send money into school to contribute to this. Your donations of 50p a week would be much appreciated and we thank you in advance.

Please come and see me if you have any questions.

Kind Regards
Miss Niven