

Wincle School creates an enriching and outstanding rural education, nurturing the whole individual: body, mind and soul, inspiring rounded, happy, courageous children who shine in all that they say and do, exhibiting a passion for learning, a confident faith, a loving concern for community and an inclusive respect for all.

'Shine Like Stars' Phillipians 2:15

Welcome to the Preschool Learning Update for Spring Term 2024

Introduction

Following on the success of the autumn term, we will be continuing to encourage our pupils to '*Shine Like Stars*,' (Phillipians 2:15) and do this by displaying our core Christian values.

Respect, Compassion, Hope, Perseverance, Integrity

Throughout each school day, we will be helping the children acknowledge how they celebrate the achievement and break-through joys of success, how we can support them with the joys of difficulty and frustrations, and how we can maximise the everyday moment of concentration and being in the present, creating a sense of calm and completeness

Welcome back to Preschool. We hope that you have had a restful and rejuvenating festive break. As we welcome the children back to Preschool, we have got an exciting and fun filled six weeks ahead of us. The staff in preschool this term are Mrs Henshaw, Mrs Nesom, Mrs Walsh, Mrs Goodwin and Mrs Holmes.

Over the next six weeks, the predominant topic the children are going to be exploring and learning about is animals. During the term, we will cover humans, land animals, sea animals and life cycles, as well as also exploring Chinese New Year and the season of winter along the way. Before moving on to traditional tales and Easter.

The Early Years curriculum is split into seven areas of development, and below the areas are outlined with some of the ways that the children will be building on their skills in these areas.

As always, we have an open-door policy. If you have any questions or queries, please speak to us at drop off or collection, or email ahenshaw@wincle.cheshire.sch.uk.

Communication and language

This term, we will be looking at becoming amazing speakers and listeners. We will be making sure we take turns when talking to our friends, looking at who is talking to us and asking for help. The children will get the opportunity to become animal experts and share their knowledge and understanding with their peers.

Personal, social and emotional development

This is something that the children learn every day, no matter the topic! As the children become more secure and familiar with routines and rules, the children become securer of their sense of self and develop their sense of preschool community. We will also create opportunities for the children to show effortful control, learning how to take turns and express emotions.

Physical development

All children at Wincle have the amazing opportunity to engage with weekly PAS sessions and preschool is no exception. Every Friday, the children get to work on a new skill with PAS, helping them to improve their physical development. Additionally, the children have access to ride on and push along toys, balancing equipment, balls and much more on a daily basis. All of this helps the children to develop control of their movements. We also have daily finger gym activities to improve fine motor skills for the children to access.

Literacy

Phonetical knowledge awareness will play a big part of the children's learning this term. The children will be introduced to sounds s,a,t,p. We will be looking at identifying words that begin with these sounds, forming these letters and forming and identifying their own names. The children will also be engaging with Bug Club each day to embed and build upon this knowledge. We really do encourage the children to access Bug Club at home too to further cement their learning,

Mathematics

We will be embedding and improving our knowledge of the numbers 1 – 5. The children will have many opportunities and resources available to them that will allow them to count, match number representations and order numbers. This term in particular, we will be counting snowmen and snowballs, animal and fish! We will also be introducing the children to simple repeating patterns. Although it may seem repetitive, it is key for children to have a solid understanding of what a number is to enable them to thrive throughout their educational journey.

Understanding the world

This term, the children are going to learn about a festival in another country, Chinese New Year. This helps the children to become citizens of the world, gaining an understanding of how people around the world celebrate differently. The children will also look at the natural environment and make sense of how the landscape changes during the season of winter and how they can identify these changes during time outside.

Expressive arts and design

We will continue to have our daily music and movement during which is time where the children can express themselves by choosing how they move and react to the music. We will also continue singing rhymes and songs with the children as well as exploring musical instruments. The children will also be expressing themselves as artists by making dragons, jellyfish, winter scenes and so much more!

General reminders

Please give your children the opportunity to put on their own coat independently and to try and do up their own zip.

Please remember their reading diary and book, water bottle, hat and gloves every day.

Dates for the diary

Story café Friday 9th February 2 pm. Parents are invited to attend this session with their children if possible. If your child doesn't normally attend but you would like to join us, please email Mrs Henshaw.

Mini Adventure trip – the children will have the opportunity to visit the mini adventure village in Hanley. Date TBC