

Windmill Primary School



3/4 Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn 1 2017 Inventors



Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe we are looking forward to September already. We are really excited about getting to know all of the children in our Phase and continuing our learning journey with them.

Overview of themes for the year

Autumn 1- Young Inventors

Autumn 2- Passport to Europe

Spring 1- Invaders

Spring 2- Greeks

Summer 1- Rainforests

Summer 2- Africa

Trips and Visitors for the year

Autumn 2- We are hoping to have someone to come into school who has travelled around Europe to share their experiences with the children.

Spring 1- We are hoping to have History off the Page to come into school for our Fab Finale. This will cost around £8.

Summer 1/Summer 2- As our Fab Finale for our Rainforest theme and our Wow starter for our Summer 2 theme we will be going to the Living Rainforest and The Cotswold Wildlife Park, staying overnight at The Court Hill Centre - costing around £100.

Young Inventors

During the Autumn 1 term we will be exploring the wonderful world of inventors. We will find out about inventors from the past and how their inventions shaped history. We will become scientists, discovering more about electricity and create our own robots during our Design and Technology lessons. On our Wow Day on Tuesday 5th we will be inventing our own Rube Goldberg machines. If you have any marbles, dominoes, cotton reels, CDs, balloons, cardboard boxes, straws, kitchen roll tubes, playing cards etc. please could you send them into school with your children. On Wednesday 6th September we will be having a Wow Day linked to our English work on The Iron Man; we will explore the book through drama.

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English

In English we will be focusing on the story 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. The Iron Man appears out of nowhere and in order to survive he has to feed on metal farm equipment. He then befriends a small boy and defends the world from a monster from outer space. For our writing we will be focusing on writing Conquering the Monster tales.

Reading

We will be developing our understanding of reading through reading skills sessions. Please listen to your child read as least three times a week and make a note of it in the reading record book. As well as this don't forget that every time your child(ren) reads they get a raffle ticket which goes into a weekly draw to win a bonus 30 early bird points.

Maths

We will be gaining a greater understanding of place value and addition and subtraction, exploring the value of digits as well as written methods for solving addition and subtraction number sentences. We will then apply what we have learnt by solving mathematical problems.

Times Tables

Please support your child(ren) with the learning of their times tables. Children in Year 3 and 4 need to learn and recall facts for all the times tables up to 12 x. They are tested every week and all children will know which times table they need to be learning. If you could keep practising with your child(ren) we will all become times table superstars!

Key Dates: - Please see separate sheet

Thank you in advance for all your support. We hope you have a restful summer and we look forward to seeing you in September!

Year 3 and 4 Team