

# Windmill Primary School



Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter  
Autumn 2 2017 It's Getting Dark Outside.

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe it's the end of the first half term already. We have had great fun finding out about Life on the Ocean Waves exploring what goes on under and on top of the waves. It was wonderful to bring all that learning together in our trip to the Sea Life Centre where we had the chance to meet all the magnificent creatures we had been learning about. Now we begin our journey in to the dark evenings that lead us up to Christmas.



## **Overview of themes for the year**

Autumn 2 – It's Getting Dark Outside

Spring 1 – Frozen Planet

Spring 2- Carnival of the Animals

Summer 1 – Where I Live

Summer 2 – The Great Outdoors

## **Trips and Visitors for the year**

**Autumn 2** – We will be exploring the grounds around us.

**Spring 1**- We will be creating an Antarctic Adventure in school.

**Spring 2**- We will be hoping to have a visit from Raptorxotics. The cost of this experience should be around £7.

**Summer 1** - We will be going on a walk to explore the local area.

**Summer 2** – We are hoping to go on a visit to Burghley Sculpture Gardens. The cost of this visit should be approximately £15.

## **It's Getting Dark Outside**

Our theme for Autumn 2 is 'It's Getting Dark Outside'. We will be looking at nocturnal animals and exploring their nocturnal activity. In science we will be observing the seasonal changes as winter approaches and investigating human senses. We will also be focusing on the history of the Great Fire of London, discovering the diaries of Samuel Peyps.

## **English**

In English we will be focusing on the book 'Can't You Sleep Little Bear?'. We will be writing our own tale of fear stories focusing on the description within the story. We will also be looking at acrostic poetry and writing our own. We will then focus on the biographical diary entries from the Great Fire of London.

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## **Science**

We will be continuing to observe changes across the four seasons, exploring how the day length varies and the affect the changing weather has on the environment around us. We will be finding out about our own bodies and which parts are associated with each sense. We will be looking at nocturnal animals, exploring how their senses help them to live their lives in the dark.



## **Reading**

We will be listening to the children read at least twice a week in school, as well as during Read, Write Inc. lessons.

Please listen to your child read as often as possible and make a note of it in the reading record book. Those children who read three or more times a week receive a token for demonstrating our school values and also a 'diddy dot' for working hard.

## **Maths**

We will be concentrating on developing our knowledge of numbers and the number system including writing numbers in figures and words and exploring addition and subtraction. We will also focus on number bonds and doubling and halving facts. We will be developing on our calculating skills using number lines and number grids for support. We will be exploring shape both 2D and 3D being able to recognise and name them.

## **Times tables.**

There are no set time tables that children should know in Year 1, however practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s is very helpful.

## **Key Dates: -see attached**

Thank you for your support. Have a super half term. We look forward to hearing all about it on your return. Make sure you recharge those batteries and we will see you for Autumn 2!

Year 1 team