

Windmill Primary School



Year 3 and 4 Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn 2- Passport to Europe

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an amazing start to the year! The children in Years 3 and 4 have thrown themselves back into their learning with full force, working their socks off across the curriculum.

Overview of themes for the year

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.

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 Hostel costing around £100.

Passport to Europe

During the Autumn 2 term we will be heading off on a journey around Europe. We will explore what life is like in different countries as well as looking at the geography of European countries in comparison to others.

On our first Wow day on Tuesday 31st October we will be taking off on a plane to journey around Europe, sampling what four different countries have to offer. Our second Wow day will be linked to our English work, focused this term on journey tales.

Throughout the term, we will be using our knowledge of foods from different countries to design our own food in Design & Technology. We will also be learning about nutrition and the importance of a balanced diet. In Science we will be looking at how sounds are created and how we hear them and will also be learning about changes in pitch and volume.

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English

In English we will be focusing on journey tales; our focused text is 'Perry Angel's Suitcase' by Glenda Millard. It has taken Perry Angel almost seven years to find the place where he belongs. He arrives in the Kingdom of Silk one day on the ten-thirty express, carrying only a small and shabby suitcase embossed with five golden letters. What do those letters mean? Wait and see to find out more!

Spellings will be linked to our work on Get Spelling and will come home on a Monday. Spellings will be stuck into reading record books so please ensure that they are in school, especially on that day. Please support your child(ren) to learn spellings ready to be tested on Fridays.

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. 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

During this term Year 3 will be continuing to expand their understanding of addition and subtraction and then will move on to explore the wonderful world of multiplication and division. In Year 4 we will be working on our understanding of measures, particularly focusing on length and perimeter. Year 4 will also then move on to deepening their understanding of multiplication and division.

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 attached sheet

Thank you in advance for all your support. We hope you enjoy your October half term!
Have fun!

Year 3 and 4 Team