



William Austin Infant School

Curriculum Newsletter 13 November 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Accompanying this letter is some information about the work your child will be doing this half-term. Curriculum plans do change sometimes, but we hope this information will be of interest to you. This is a very important term so please make sure your child attends school every day unless they are ill.

Best wishes,
Mrs. B. Kang,
Headteacher

National Curriculum and Assessment

All children in Year 1 and 2 follow all the subjects reflected in the Primary National Curriculum which is fully implemented. Children in Year R follow a curriculum based on the Development Matters in the Early Years Foundation Stage. We have continued to teach an enjoyable, exciting and engaging curriculum which provides challenging learning opportunities for all the children. The children are taught by making themed links to different subjects and a range of topics are explored. Children in Year R have now completed the Reception Baseline Assessment.

We use our own approaches to assessment to support pupil attainment and progression. The Curriculum tab on our school website gives more information on Assessment at William Austin Infant School, as well as Curriculum Framework and Progression documents for every subject, Curriculum Areas, Curriculum in Action Galleries, Home Learning and Well-being and mindfulness. Click on the link here to take you directly to the relevant page on our website -

<https://www.williamaustininfants.co.uk/topic/curriculum>

Google Classroom for Year 1 & 2

We use Google Classroom for weekly homework tasks For Year 1 and Year 2 children.

This means that any weekly homework will be set through Google Classroom.

We expect all children to complete the work that is set for them. This work is planned carefully so that it reinforces and continues the learning that has taken place in school.

Click on the link here to go directly to the Home Learning section of the school website.

<https://www.williamaustininfants.co.uk/how-to-access-google-classroom/>

Please email your child's teacher on the class email address if you have any questions or if you are having problems accessing Google Classroom, and we would also ask you to send them photos of your child completing any tasks set, as the teachers would love to see them!



Extended Leave

It is very disappointing that I am beginning to see a few more requests for Extended Leave of Absence from families who are planning to travel abroad.

I must strongly urge you to avoid taking your children out of school during term-time, as it does disrupt their education. It is imperative that they are attending school regularly, and an extended holiday will only widen any gaps in their education.

No leave of absence will be authorised by me, unless you have to travel immediately due to a family emergency, and I will need to see proof of the date flights were booked to make that decision. In most cases absences of 5 or more days will incur a fine issued by the Council's Education Welfare Officer.

Each year some children lose their place at our school due to their parents taking them out of school and failing to return in time. When this happens, the parent has to reapply for a school place for their child; there is no guarantee that the child will be able to return to the school they used to attend, and it results in a child missing even more of their school education.

Please consider all of these points carefully before making a Leave of Absence request for your child.

Mrs Kang, Headteacher

Non-Uniform Day - Friday 14 November

Instead of supporting the BBC Children in Need Appeal this year, we are keeping our fundraising efforts closer to home and our community. We will be raising money for the Level Trust charity rather than the national appeal. Children can wear non-uniform clothes on this day; there is no theme this year. However, please make sure your child is wearing sensible shoes, and brings a coat to school as they will still be playing outside. The suggested donation for this event is £1.00.

As children in Daisy, Willow and Lark Classes will have P.E on Friday we ask that they wear sporty non-uniform clothes, so that it is safe for them to still take part in their P.E lesson. Thank you!



Lockdown Practise

This morning we carried out a Lockdown Practise in school. The classroom staff reported that the children were all very calm and sensible throughout the practise, and we are very proud of them for behaving so well!

We hope that we are never in the position where we have to go into a real life Lockdown, but it is important that these procedures are practised so everyone knows exactly what to do should we ever have to.



Age-Appropriate Activity Online

Online safety for all our children is something we promote and take extremely seriously here at our school. We do everything in our power to keep the children safe and educate them to be responsible digital champions and to show them how, when used appropriately, the internet is a fantastic learning tool for them to expand their knowledge on a vast array of subjects.

However, on streaming channels such as Netflix and Amazon Prime there are some drama series that are highly inappropriate for Infant School age children to be exposed to. Please be mindful of the programmes that you or older siblings may be watching when younger children are about. You may believe that they are unaware of the sights and sounds on the screen, but they take in a lot more than you think!

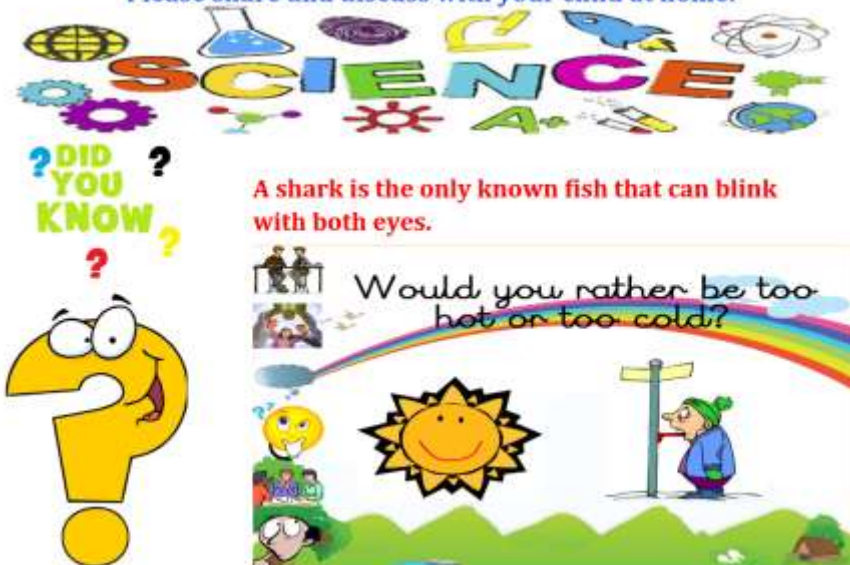
The same can be also said for some computer games that have age limits attached. Speak to other members of your household about this subject too, so that everyone is aware and conscious of the programmes and games they are watching when younger children are in the same room.

We have a whole section on internet safety on our school website, available by clicking the link here - <https://www.williamaustininfants.co.uk/online-safety/>

Thank you for your co-operation.



Please share and discuss with your child at home.



A shark is the only known fish that can blink with both eyes.



The Children's Positivi-Tree!

You may have seen our Positivi-Tree by the school office when you came in for Parents Evening!! Children are already awarded Dojo points within their own classes; these can be given for good behaviour, good work and for trying hard, for example, and children with the most dojo points for the week in each class get to spend time in our Rewards Room the following Monday!. Children who show their values are also recognised by having some time in the Rewards Room during Golden Time on a Friday.

Our Positivi-Tree gives staff from other areas of the school a chance to reward positive behaviour, kindness and good manners too. If a child does a good deed, or is particularly helpful or polite, any staff member can gift them a 'star' or a 'heart', a message of thanks written on a cardboard star and hung on the Positivi-tree! There will be a different theme of recognition for the Positivi-Tree each half term, and any 'stars' or 'hearts' placed on the tree will be sent home with the children they were gifted to at the end of that half term. This half term's theme is 'Good Manners', so children who show these qualities may be given a 'star' or 'heart' with a message from an adult!



Friendship Week and World Kindness Day.

This week is Friendship Week in School; we celebrated our Odd Socks Day on Monday, and we have also spoken about World Kindness Day, which is today too!

We have been talking to the children throughout the week about what 'Random Acts of Kindness' are. These are simple acts, such as holding open a door for a friend, picking up something that another person has accidentally dropped, or even just saying hello and asking someone how they are feeling!

It is surprising how one person making a kind gesture can brighten your whole day, and we must all remember to pass that kindness on in our words and deeds! By using our Values of Friendship, Respect and Politeness (amongst others) we can all make the world a nicer place to live!

Road Safety Week

Road Safety week runs from Monday 17 November to Friday 21 November. The children will be doing various activities in class throughout the week, and the Road Safety Ambassadors will be working alongside Mrs Nic Dhonncha to make sure we all stay safe, and will be encouraging everyone to cross roads safely, and travel safe when in a car, by always wearing a seatbelt. Please help to support this work by demonstrating the same actions when coming to and from school with your child.



YEAR R WOW'S!



Buttercup Class had fun painting pictures of ourselves wearing our uniform when learning about ourselves.



Daisy Class enjoyed retelling the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.



Poppy Class like making different shapes with their bodies in Gymnastics!



Snowdrop Class enjoyed colour mixing with a friend!



The children really enjoyed having their grown-ups join them in school for their Diwali workshops. The children created paintings and models of fireworks as Diwali is known as the Festival of Lights!



YEAR 1 WOW'S!



Pine Class enjoyed learning about how to keep their teeth healthy



Beech Class have enjoyed making posters for the different types of weather



Oak Class enjoyed performing a story



Willow Class were interested to learn all about Diwali



In Assembly on Wednesday 5 November Zara (Beech), Abu-Bakr (Oak), Ibrahim R (Pine) and Aaminah (Willow) were recognised for their fabulous reading!



In Assembly on Wednesday 12 November Hibbah(Beech), Faizaan (Oak), Sulaiman (Pine) and Nylah (Willow) were recognised for their fabulous Maths work!

YEAR 2 WOW'S!



As a hook for our new English topic 'Beware of the Bears', the Year 2 corridor and classrooms were made to look very messy!! Children enjoyed thinking of their own questions to try to piece together what happened!

