



YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

Spring Term

At Windy Arbor, we provide a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment where children are encouraged to dream, believe and achieve.

A key focus for Year 1 will be our reading and writing, ready for our Phonics screening in the Summer term. Our topics this term will be My School Grounds and Space Explorers. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the team.

Mrs Braid, Mrs Davis, Mrs Cluney, Miss Hughes & Miss Gilbert

Be Windy SMART!

Children are encouraged to care for each other, their belongings, and the learning environment, instilling responsibility and respect. When challenging behaviour occurs, staff address it directly, explaining consequences and guiding children towards positive choices.



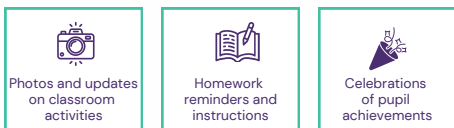
Attendance & Absences

Regular attendance helps children build routines, develop friendships, and make the most of their learning experiences.

We aim for all children to achieve attendance of at least 96%	
Every Minute Counts	
Lateness = Lost Learning	
5 minutes late each day	3 days lost
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost
25 minutes late each day	19 days lost

Class Dojo & Reward System

Class Dojo is our school communication platform and reward system that teachers, children, and families use every day to build close-knit communities. Through Class Dojos we will share:



P.E KIT

- Green T-Shirt
- Black Shorts/Joggers or Leggings
- ALL Black Trainers/Plimsoles
- Purple Hoodies are also allowed



**Our P.E days are:
Tuesday and Thursday.**

We expect all children to come to school in the correct P.E kit on the days they have P.E.

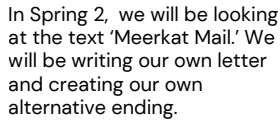
IMPORTANT DATES

8 th January	Science Inspire Workshop
23 rd February	INSET Day
4 th & 5 th March	Parents Evening
11 th March	Letterbox

DREAM
BELIEVE
ACHIEVE

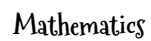


In Spring 1, we will be introducing the children to the text 'Beegu.' We will be writing a character description and a biography.



The children will have a different focus each session; decoding, prosody and comprehension. At the end of the week they will be sent home with their reading practice book to share with you at home.

Reading for Pleasure
In Year 1 the children are encouraged change their book throughout the week. These reads go towards their 'Rainbow Reader' badges.



We follow the Maths No Problem program which uses a concrete, pictorial and abstract approach.

- 2D and 3D shapes
- Length and Height
- Numbers to 40
- Addition and Subtraction to 40
- Multiplication

Phonics

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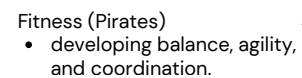
Science

A stylized illustration of a human figure. The head is shown in a cross-section, revealing the brain and internal structures. The torso is also shown in a cross-section, revealing internal organs including the lungs, liver, stomach, and intestines. The figure is standing on a black base.

P.E

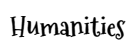
Gymnastics

- Continuing on with shapes and jumps.

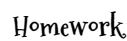
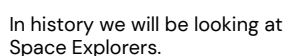


- Mastering fundamental movements and working as a team.

- Listen to the beat of the music, and create our own dance movements.



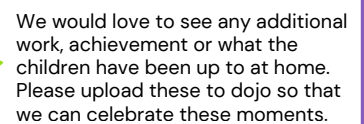
This will include exploring our school grounds and what they look like, looking at different plant life, and making suggestions as to how and where we can encourage more plant life.



Homework will be uploaded to class Dojo to save printing costs unless requested.

- a piece of homework linked to their learning that week
- a reading for pleasure book (this can be changed throughout the week)

Please note that if your child's reading practice book is not returned/becomes lost you will be charged and your child will no longer be able to bring their books home.



Your support with homework, workshops and attendance is always appreciated.

If you have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher on Dojo.

