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Respect myself, school and the community
Enjoy and achieve safely

Able to make mistakes and learn from them

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A Note from the Head of School, Mrs Paula Baines-Chambers:

Welcome back after the Easter holidays, I hope you all had a lovely break, enjoying quality family time!

Congratulations to Mrs Garton, she has been shortlisted for English teacher of the year in the national TES Schools Awards. In June, Mrs Garton will get to enjoy an afternoon tea at the House of Commons and attend an awards dinner and ceremony at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London.

Well done to our Year 6 pupils who attended Easter school during the last week of the holiday. You all displayed a fantastic attitude towards your learning and I am proud that you are pupils at Wyndham. SATs are quickly approaching and I know how hard you have worked; SATs are a time to showcase this hard work that you have committed to during the past 6 years of your education, believe in yourself and you can all go far!

You may have noticed that a screen has appeared on the key stage 1 playground. This will help us to increase our communication with parents and carers and it will also be used to promote medical and health issues and sign-post to places of support. Over the holiday we have had some work in school - we are very lucky to now have a sensory room which will further support us in meeting the needs of our pupils. Foundation Stage 2 also have a lovely new floor to come back to!

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." - Malcolm X

FS1

We hope that you have had a fantastic Easter and are looking forward to coming back to FS1 where we have an exciting term ahead of us.

We are beginning our new topic 'The Jungle' this term and are so excited to use our investigation skills to find out all about the different types of animals that live in the jungle, to learn about their habitats and to read our new story 'Rumble in the Jungle' together this week. We will be focusing our attention on using lots of different adjectives to describe the different animals that we find in the Wyndham woods- we will also be painting them and using our binoculars to look closely at all of their different wonderful patterns!

FS2

We hope everyone has had a marvellous Easter break spent with family and friends, enjoying lots of chocolate! We have a super exciting summer half term coming up focusing our learning all around 'The Jungle'. The books we will be using for our topic this half term are Rumble in the Jungle, Giraffes Can't Dance, Night Monkey, Day Monkey, The Lion Inside and The Special Guest. We would like to thank everyone who has been working so hard with their children over the half term completing their homework. The Jungle animals which have been brought in to school look GREAT in our classrooms. It is not too late for your child to complete their homework and bring it in, we would love to share it with the class.

We have lots of exciting events over this half term including our Welly Walks on Wednesday 26th April, Wednesday 10th May and Tuesday 23rd May, our social evening on Thursday 11th May and we also have our trip to Twycross Zoo on Tuesday 9th May. If you would like to help on any of our trips, please come and see us; we would really appreciate the support!

Year 1

Year One are so excited to be starting their Summer term in Key Stage 1. The teachers can't believe how fast the year is going and how incredibly hard the children are working. Keep up the GREAT work! We are looking forward to exploring our new book 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak. Rumour has it that some of his characters have escaped and are wondering around the school's grounds at this very moment. This means that once again the children will have to become the brilliant news reporters they are to collect clues and warn the other children! This wonderful book will allow Year One to explore the outdoors, design and build houses for the Wild Things (who are not so bad after all), create their own characters and eventually write their own Maurice Sendak stories!

Year 2

We hope you all had a GREAT Easter and are excited for a new fun-filled, action packed term in Year 2. Our book this term, "Lila and the Secret of Rain" is going to transport us across the world to Africa as we learn all about Lila's journey from her village and up the rocky mountain to find out if she has the power to bring the rain to her dry village. We have lots of exciting things planned, including making traditional African tribal masks, a Bear Gryll's Mission Survive day, and a trip to MAGNA Science Centre where we will be placing into the middle of our own thunderstorm!



We would like to remind parents that both Mr Christie and Miss Syson are running daily after-school revision SATS sessions this term to help the children feel prepared ready for their SATS tests week commencing 15th May 2017. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up their children to one or more of the sessions. These sessions are extremely important and will be fundamental in helping the children feel prepared for the reading and maths tests. If you haven't already signed your children up to one of the sessions, please speak to the school office who can pass on another letter.

Year 3

We hope that you had a lovely Easter break and that you're as excited as Miss Harries and Miss Brooker to be back for another GREAT term. This half term, our learning will be based around Roald Dahl's book; the Twits. We will be using this as a stimulus to write our very own play scripts about the pranks Mr and Mrs Twit play on each other and we will also be writing a story based on the characters and settings in the book. In Maths, we will be continuing to look at shapes and will be investigating all the different types of lines that they have.



During our science lessons, we will be continuing to learn about the human body - we have lots of fun things planned such as learning about how exercise effects our bodies, how our muscles work and what the purpose of our skeleton is. We will be learning about possessive apostrophes for the first two weeks in our daily Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar lessons. You can scan the QR code to watch a video of our superstars demonstrating exactly what to do! Just a reminder, that swimming for Miss Harries' class will be every Monday over the next half term. Children need to bring in pumps for PE as lessons will begin to take place outside as the weather improves.

Year 4

This term Year 4 are going on an amazing adventure with James and the Giant Peach written by Roald Dahl. We will be delving into the characters and writing descriptions of his horrible aunts and then exploring the digestive system in case James eats the Peach. We will also become authors ourselves when we come up with our own new adventure for James and his crazy friends. Keep an eye out for all our GREAT learning on our Twitter page!

We are both looking forward to the GREAT term ahead and if you have any questions or queries at any point feel free to come and find one of us.

Keep reading with your children to make them GREAT readers and remember that Bug Club is available for you to access at home so that your child can read a variety of texts to ensure that reading is fun and stimulating.

Year 5

Year 5 had a fantastic half term learning about the Roman invasion of Britain. They learnt how the Romans changed our towns and cities and what they did for us such as: using stone for building, building aqueducts to transport water and even introduce the gruesome Gladiators for entertainment. We had a super visit from a real life Roman, Gregorius Manlius and learnt all about how Romans fought, Queen Boudicca and played Roman games!

This half term we will be reading the Iron Man by Ted Hughes. We will be learning all about the poetic way that Ted Hughes writes and even designing and building our own robots!
As the weather is getting nicer outside, PE will take place outside too. Please be aware that as we provide the t-shirts and shorts, your children still need to bring their own pumps.

Year 6

As SATs are just around the corner, we appreciate that Year 6 will be a little nervous over the next few weeks. To ease their nerves and ensure that they feel as prepared as they can be, we are continuing to offer the following clubs:

Mr Jones' Early Bird Club: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8.15 - 8.45am

Miss Winfield's maths clubs: Daily from 1 - 1.15pm and Wednesday after school from 3.15 - 4.30pm.

Homework club: Friday at lunch time.

Please can you encourage your child to attend these clubs if you are aware they are not confident with something as we are revisiting topics we have covered this year.

If you have any questions yourself about the tests your children will be taking, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Garton or Miss Winfield.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Please can you keep sending in the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers if you have any. The promotion ends in early May so it would be great if you could send them into us at the school office.

Thank you in advance.

Bug Club

Thank you to all of the pupils that have been using Bug Club for reading over the Easter holidays, we are so impressed with your efforts!

A reminder how to access it is: through the website: <http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk>. The password is 1234 and our school code is wynd.

If you have any questions then Miss Ellison will be happy to help.

Language of the Week

Next weeks language of the week will be celebrating the Italian language that some of the children of Wyndham are conversant in. Listen out for it if you pop into school.