

Year 3 - Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to West Hill! We hope that you have had a really enjoyable summer holiday and are ready for the school year ahead.

Topics this term:

English: English lessons take place every day. We start this term by looking at the book 'The tunnel' by Anthony Brown, focusing on story writing and language. Later in the term, we will be focussing on autobiographies; children will read famous examples and then write their own! As well as this, there will be a strong focus on grammar. We recap the basics -such as always using golden sentences- but quickly begin to look at more complex grammar, including using adverbs (e.g. he walked carefully) conjunctions (and, because and but) and when and how to use direct speech ("").

Maths: Maths lessons take place every day. Some of the topics we will cover this term include: number and place value (e.g. $123 = 100 + 20 + 3$); mental addition ($123 + 4 = ?$) and subtraction ($134 - 21 = ?$); multiplication ($\times 3 \times 4 \times 8$) and related division facts; and problem solving. Please practise recalling times tables at home.

Science: Science lessons take place once a week. During our first topic will be learning about rocks and soils (different types and how they can be grouped). This will be followed by light and shadow (different light sources, how we see and how shadows are formed).

Enquiry: Enquiry lessons take place once a week and include history, geography and art. Our topic this term is The Romans and Celts. The children will be exploring what life was like during the Celtic and Roman times and learning about the Roman invasion of Britain. We will be visiting Butser Ancient farm towards the end of the term. You will receive more information about this trip nearer the time.



Children will be given homework once a week. They will be expected to complete this homework to a high standard and bring it in on the

appropriate day.

Given out Friday due in Wednesday.

In addition to this children will be expected to:

- Read for a minimum of 10 minutes each evening
- Practise their times tables. There will be a test each week so make sure that you are ready!
- Learn spellings for the test each Tuesday

Homework Projects

Each term there will be a 'Home Learning Project' to complete with some of the tasks linked to the current topic. There will be 10 cross curricular activities and children will have the challenge of completing the 10 activities by the end of the term. This will be given out on Friday 21st September.

P.E.

We are very lucky this term and have got two highly skilled P.E. teachers from Kick London running our P.E. sessions.

P.E. will be on **Tuesday** and **Friday** mornings at **9am**.

P.E kit

- Please use a named bag.
- PE kit is available online from www.stitchdesign.co.uk and consists of a white T-shirt, with the west hill logo, and dark blue or black shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings.
- Any other PE kit is not permitted.
- Children will also need suitable footwear to change into. They must make sure that they have plimsolls and trainers in their bag every week because where they do their P.E lessons is dependent on the weather.



Uniform

The school uniform consists of a light blue polo shirt, a West Hill sweatshirt, black or grey trousers or skirt and dark shoes. No trainers are permitted.



Further subjects:

R.E: This term, we are focusing on Hinduism and religions in our neighbourhood, focusing largely on the similarities and differences between the religions. We will be visiting the Hindu Temple in September. If you haven't yet paid for the trip please do.

Music: We are very lucky to have trained musicians teaching our class this term. We will be learning how to play the recorder and drums and hope to put on a concert for you at the end of term so that you can come and see what the children have learned!

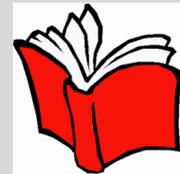
PSHE: Circle time happens every week. In these lessons children are given opportunities to discuss and learn about a wide variety of topics including listening skills, rights and responsibilities and teamwork.

Computing: We continue to learn about programming and coding.

Art: Art will be incorporated into lots of our lessons. We will also have specific art days at the end of each term.

Reading and Spelling

- Your child will take home two books every fortnight. One will be a free choice from the classroom book corner and the other will be a banded book chosen by us that is aimed at their reading level.
- Listen to your child read every night.
- Ask questions about what they have read.
- Give your child comprehensions to complete to help check their level of understanding.
- Summarise what you have read using concise sentences.
- Spelling will be tested once a week on a Friday. New spellings will be given out the same day.



How you can help your child

You can help your child to do the best they can by listening to them read and asking them questions about what they have read. Encourage them to learn their times tables. Encourage them to do their homework carefully and on time. Discuss the topics that we will be learning about. Take them to the library or use the internet with them to research topics we are learning about. If possible, take them out into London at the weekends - many museums and art galleries are free to enter. This will help them with ideas for writing and class discussions.



Attendance and Punctuality

Finally, please ensure that your child is present and on time each morning (registration is at 08:50) as this will help them to do the best that they possibly can this year. It is especially important for them to be on time on Tuesday and Friday mornings as they will need to get changed into their P.E. kits before their lessons.

I really enjoyed meeting lots of you at our '**Meet the Teacher**'. Please feel free to book in any appointments with me after school to discuss your child if you have any concerns.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our **Parent's evenings** on Wednesday 16th October and Thursday 17th October.

Miss Corsan (Year 3 teacher)