

Year 4C and 4W — 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.

Homework

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.

Friday due in on Tuesday.

In addition to this children will be expected to:

- Read for a minimum of 15 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 Friday

There will be occasions when extra work or revision is given out. It is crucial that you check that your child keeps up- please support them at home.

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 Wednesday 19th September.

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. Please encourage your child to practise cursive handwriting.

P.E. Kit

Year 4 need to bring PE kit to school on Monday and take home on Friday each week.

- Please use a named bag.
- PE kit is available from www.stitchdesign.co.uk and consists of a white T-shirt and blue shorts, or children may wear dark blue track-suit bottoms and a white T-shirt. Please ensure the children do not have logos on their kit.
- Any other PE kit is not permitted.
- Children will also need suitable footwear to change into- they may not wear their school shoes. Plimsolls are needed for indoor PE and trainers for outdoor.



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. Please make sure all uniform is clearly named.



Topics this term:

English: We will be reading *Elf Road* by Pie Corbett, focusing on description.

Maths: We will be focussing on the four main functions (+ - x / ÷) and place value for the first term. It is important that your child knows all their times tables off by heart.

Science: Our topic this half term is Electricity, and after half term we are learning about Sound.

History: Our topic this term is Ancient Egypt and Modern Day Egypt.

Art and Design: We will be designing and making a death mask like Tutankhamun's famous one, but using pasta! We will also try to make a device to move water from one place to the other, much like Ancient Egyptians had to.

Computing: We will be starting off the term with 'Staying Safe Online'. We will continue to learn about programming, coding and using Word.

PE: This half term we will be doing athletics and football. Please ensure children have their PE kits every week.

RE: In our RE sessions we will be looking at Faith and Difference, understanding the difference between faith and cultures across the world.

Music: Throughout Y4, the children have a very exciting opportunity to learn to play the trumpet. We employ Wandsworth music teachers to teach this instrument. Lessons take place on a Thursday. You will receive a letter, requesting permission for the trumpet to be taken home. Please encourage your child to practise weekly.

PSHE: We will focus on well being and relationships.

Reading and Spelling

- 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.
- Explore what different words mean by using a dictionary.
- Summarise what you have read using full sentences.
- Spellings will be tested once a week- help at home by encouraging the use of a thesaurus.



Attendance and Punctuality

Finally, please ensure that your child comes to school promptly each morning (registration is at 08:50). This will help them to do the best that they possibly can this year. Children arriving after registration with no explanation from parents are marked with an unauthorised absence.

We are really looking forward to meeting you at the 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon which will be on Friday 12th September in Miss Wilson's classroom at 3.20pm for both classes.

Mr Casey and Miss Wilson