

Year 6A and 6B-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.

Wandsworth Tests

They will be held on Thursday 19th September, as shared at the Year 5 meeting last year, and the Secondary transfer and Meet the Teacher meeting last week. It will be on Verbal and Non- Verbal Reasoning.

SATS

The Statutory Assessment Tests will be next year in May 2019, and the children will prepare for them by working hard and revising. The tests focus on Maths, Reading, Writing, Grammar and Spelling, and you will receive more information on the tests themselves and guidance on how to help your child achieve the best results that they can.

Secondary Transfer

Mrs Healy held a meeting last week in school to go over the process. If you were unable to attend and would like some more information, then contact the school office to make an appointment to see either Mrs Healy, Mrs Carmen, Mrs Atkin or Miss Bates about applying for secondary schools. If you are taking your child to open days at secondary schools, (which we recommend you do), please don't forget to let the office know so that it can be marked accordingly on the attendance register. Thank you.



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 on Friday due in 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.

P.E. Kit

Year 6 need to bring PE kit to school on Mondays and take home on Friday each week.

- Please use a named bag.
- PE kit is available from the StitchDesign.co.uk website and consists of a white T-shirt and blue shorts, or children may wear dark blue tracksuit 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.



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.



Topics this term:

English: We will be looking at a range of stories and planning, editing and publishing our work as well as diary writing and explanation text. Later on in the term we will be learning how to write a variety of poems.

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. They also need to know the effects of multiplying and dividing whole numbers and decimals by 10, 100 and 1000.

Science: The focus is on light and electricity.

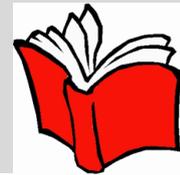
History: We will be learning about World War II this term.

Art and Design: Linked to our topic- we will be exploring a range of media and learning more about the qualities of different materials.

Computing: We continue to learn about programming and coding.

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 concise sentences.
- Spelling will be tested once a week- help at home by encouraging the use of a thesaurus.



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 (be in school by 8:50) as this will help them to do the best that they possibly can this year. Your child's attendance report will be sent to their secondary school this year, and children arriving after registration with no explanation from parents are marked with an unauthorised absence.

Parent's evenings this term will be held on Wednesday 16th October and Thursday 17th October. We look forward to seeing you there and giving you more information about your child's progress and attainment.

Mrs Atkin and Miss Bates