

West Hill Primary School

Year 1 Spring Newsletter

Ready to learn, inspired to succeed, prepared for life'



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school for the beginning of the Spring Term 2020. Outlined below are some areas of the curriculum that we will be covering in Year 1 this term. You may wish to go to the library and find out more about some of our topics.

English

In English this term we will be continuing with our Read Write Inc. scheme. A copy of the Read Write Inc book your child is reading will be sent home in their book bag. This must come into school with your child every day. Our focus is reading with fluency and expression whilst also continuing with developing phonic skills.

We will continue to send home another book for the children to read at home. Please try to hear your child read for at least five minutes every night; talk about the story and ask questions like 'what happens when...' and 'who are the characters...', 'what will happen next..?' etc. This will help your child make progress with their understanding.

In Year 1 we continue to work on forming all of our letters correctly and encourage cursive handwriting. Please help your child at home to practise this skill. When writing, the children are expected to use finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. It is important for children to read back their writing to check it makes sense.

Maths

In Maths this term we will be continuing to practise addition and subtraction skills. We will be counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10. We will be counting forwards and backwards from numbers up to 50. We will understand what each digit in a number means. For example, 45 is made up of 4 tens and 5 ones. Please encourage your child to say and write numbers correctly especially numbers from 10 to 100 and ask them to tell you how many tens and ones are in a number. It is also important that your child takes care not to reverse their numbers.

Enquiry

This term we shall be teaching different subjects through two topics. This half term our topic in Year 1 is 'Houses and Homes'. In this History topic, we will be thinking about what makes a home and comparing Victorian homes to modern day homes. We will also be comparing household appliances used in Victorian times and how these have changed.

After half term our topic will be based on Australia. We will be looking at maps, identifying the human and physical features and comparing these with the United Kingdom. We will also learn about Australian animals.

Science

In our Science lessons in Spring Term we shall be looking at different materials. We will be naming materials such as wood, metal, plastic and thinking carefully about the properties of these materials, where we find them and how they are used in houses around the world. To support your child's learning you could go on a materials hunt at home. What materials can you find? What is made of glass? What is made of plastic? How can you describe these materials? We will also be talking about recycling and looking at recycled materials and learning more about 'being green'.

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P.E.

Please can you make sure your child has a P.E. kit in school which they keep on their peg. Please also make sure that each item is **labelled** with your child's name. It must be a plain white T-shirt/West Hill t-shirt, navy blue shorts or track-suit bottoms as well as black plimsolls.
Any other PE kit is not permitted.

Uniform

The school uniform consists of a light blue polo shirt, a West Hill sweatshirt, black or grey trousers or skirt and black shoes.

No trainers are permitted.

Attendance and Punctuality

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.

Reminders

Reading books are changed at different points in the week, so please ensure your child has their book bag in school every day in order to take their books home safely. The children can also take books home from the class library each week.

Home challenges are set on Friday and are due in on Wednesday. All writing and number activities should be completed with a writing pencil. Thank you for all the homework completed so far and please continue to support your child to complete their home challenges going forward into the new term.

Thank you for your support

Year 1 Teachers Miss Hanford, Mrs Shaw