

West Hill Primary School

Year 2 Spring Newsletter

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



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas break and are ready to support your child with crucial learning during this Spring Term.

Mrs Narula and the Year 2 Team.

Topics this term

English: In English we are focusing on story writing, diary entries, recounts and poetry. Starting sentences with a CAPITAL letter, and finishing using a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark. Using speech marks when someone is talking. Learning about commas and apostrophes. Writing extended sentences.

Maths: Place value: hundreds, tens and units. Describing 2D and 3D shapes. Telling the time: o'clock, half past the hour, then $\frac{1}{4}$ past, $\frac{1}{4}$ to and then at 5 minute intervals. Adding and subtracting numbers. Problem solving. Doubling and halving numbers. Finding fractions ($\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$)

Topic: Space and The Battle of Hastings

Science: Materials. Looking at different materials. Finding out what properties materials have. Researching how materials are made and where they come from.

Art and Design: Linked to our arts' week topic- Spain

Computing: We are continuing to learn about programming and coding.

Homework

Children will be given homework once a week. Homework must be completed to a high standard and **returned by Wednesday**. In addition to this, children will be expected to read for a minimum of 15 minutes each evening.

Children will be given spellings every Friday. They should 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.

Diary Dates

Parents evening

They will be held on **Wednesday 12th February** and **Thursday 13th February**.

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.

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P.E. Kit

Year 2 need to bring PE kit to school on Mondays and take it home on Friday each week.

Please use a named bag.

PE kit is available from the www.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.

Children will also need suitable footwear to change into– they may not wear their school shoes. Children must wear plimsolls inside- trainers are not allowed in the hall.

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 dark 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.

Your child's attendance report will be sent to their secondary school. Children arriving after registration with no explanation from parents are marked with an unauthorised absence.

Things you can do at home to help your child's learning:

- Practise singing the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables.
- Count in 10's up to 100 and then back to 0.
- Count in 2's and 5's.
- Draw pictures using 2D shapes.
- Ask your child what the time is at certain times of the day e.g. at dinnertime, breakfast time, bedtime.
- Let your child play with real money.
- See where you can spot numbers on your way to school, in the park or shopping centre.
- Measure objects at home using a ruler.
- Weigh food with scales.
- Write a diary each day describing what you did.
- Give your child a spelling quiz.
- Write sentences which describe objects, places or people.