

# West Hill Primary School

## Year 4 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 their new learning during this Spring Term.

Miss Wilson, Mr Casey and the Y4 team.

### Topics this term

**Writing:** We will be building up to a variety of genres including suspense stories, biographies and poetry.

**Reading:** We will be developing our ability to answer inference and deduction style questions.

**Spelling and Grammar:** We will be revising different tenses, word classes and sentence structures. We will be revising the year 3/4 word lists and spelling rules already covered.

**Maths:** Using the maths mastery approach we will be developing our speed, reasoning and problem-solving skills involving multiplication, division and fractions.

**Geography:** UK and USA, focusing on cities, populations, weather and climate.

**Science:** Teeth and digestion

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

**Computing:** We continue to learn about online safety, programming and coding.

### Reading and Spelling

Please listen to your child read every night.

Ask questions about what they have read to check their level of understanding.

Explore what different words mean by using a dictionary.

Ask your child to summarise what they have read using concise sentences.

### Homework

Children will be given homework once a week. Homework must be completed to a high standard and **returned by Tuesday**.

In addition to this, children are expected to:

- Read for a minimum of 15 minutes each evening.
- Learn spellings for the test each Friday.
- Log onto Times Table Rock Stars and practice their times tables.

There will be occasions when extra work or revision is given out. Please support your child with their learning at home.

### Homework Learning Challenges

Each term there will be 'Home Learning Challenges' 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 all 10 activities by the end of the term.

### Diary Dates

#### Parents evening

On **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February** and **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**.

#### School trips

Tate Britain art gallery on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January**. Cost: FREE

Southbank embankment to sketch London landmarks on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**. Cost: FREE

#### Other dates

KS2 School Disco on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**.

Trumpet concert on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**.

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### PE Kit

Year 4 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 website

[www.StitchDesign.co.uk](http://www.StitchDesign.co.uk) 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 sports 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.

### Uniform

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

**Trainers are not 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 this year, and children arriving after registration with no explanation from parents are marked with an unauthorised absence.