

# West Hill Primary School

## Year 1 Autumn Newsletter

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



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to West Hill! We are glad to see all the children back at school after such a long break. We are doing all that we can to make school as 'normal' as possible under our current circumstances. Instead of the Meet the Teacher meeting that we would normally have at the beginning of the school year, we have outlined how you can help your child to prepare for the year ahead. Thank you for all your help and support at this uncertain time.

**Miss Morgan, Mrs O'Brien, Miss Dorman and Trudet**



### Topics this term

**English:** Year 1 will focus on using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in our writing.

**Maths:** We will be counting forwards and backwards up to 100. We will be practising writing numbers 1 to 20 in numerals and words. We will be identifying one more and one less than a number.



**History:** 'My Community'. We will be looking at Wandsworth and locating local areas on maps.

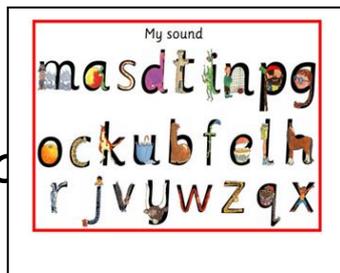
**Science:** 'Animals Including Humans'. We will be finding out about different animals and labelling body parts.

**Phonics:** Year 1 follow the phonics scheme Read Write Inc. We will be recapping set 1 and 2 sounds.

### Recap:

#### Set 1 sounds

ow, oo



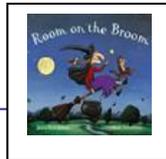
ou

### Set 2 sounds

ay, ee, igh,

or, air, ir, ou,

### Reading



Listen to your child read every night and sign their reading record. These are to be kept at home and brought in once a half term for us to check.

Encourage your child to choose books that interest them. This could be a Superman annual or a Barbie comic. Maybe even information books about Dinosaurs or Space!

### Homework

Homework will be emailed every Friday. It is related to what we have been learning in class or will be covering.

#### Homework Learning Challenges

This will be sent out via email for homework. This is extra, more creative work for your child. Please do not send in any completed challenges, but take photographs and send them via email to the school office.

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### P.E. Kit

We are asking children to come to school in their PE kit on the days that they have PE lessons - for year 1 this term that is **Thursday** and **Friday**.

PE kit is available from the [www.StitchDesign.co.uk](http://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.

Children will also need to wear trainers or plimsolls to school on their PE days.

### Uniform

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

### Covid and handwashing

On arrival at school and at various points throughout the school day we ask the children to wash or sanitise their hands.

### 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. You could also take a trip to the library.

#### Counting EVERYTHING!

Maybe the number of lamp posts on the way to school, or steps taken to get into bed. Counting aloud forward and backwards. Get your child to help you cook - measuring ingredients and sharing food out.

#### Physical Development

Go to the park and have some fun! Explore what our bodies can do. "How high can you jump?", "How fast can you run?", "How high can you stretch?"  
Improving smaller movements like pencil grip by using small construction toys or play operation!

### Attendance and Punctuality

Please ensure that your child is present and on time each morning as this will help them to do the best that they possibly can this year. The school gates are open from **8.35** and children can make their way to their classroom from **8.40**.

Please also remember that the school office is currently closed to visitors. If you need to speak to a member of staff you will need to phone or email.

- Keep an eye out for upcoming events and diary dates on our website.
- Please remember that we are a nut free school.

We hope that this newsletter has answered questions you may have had. Please contact the school office if you would like to speak to one of us.

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