

West Hill Primary School

Year 2 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.

Mrs Narula, Miss Hanford

Topics this term

English: This term we will be continuing to improve our sentence writing skills, focusing on spelling, grammar and punctuation. We shall also be continuing to build a sight vocabulary of words which the children can read on sight without the need to blend. We will continue to improve our cursive handwriting.

Phonics: We are continuing to use Read Write Inc to support our skills in Reading and Writing.

Maths: We will be partitioning numbers into 10s and 1s. We will be ordering numbers up to 100. Our multiplication focus for this half term will be our 2x, 5x and 10x tables. We will be counting in steps of 2,3, 5 and 10. We will develop our skills using addition and subtraction working with 2 digit numbers. We will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes.

Reading and Spelling

We are regularly listening to your child read in school. They will be bringing home a reading book every Friday to read at home. Listen to your child read every night and sign their reading record. **The reading record book is to be kept at home and brought in once a half term for us to check.**

WE WILL CHANGE THEIR READING BOOK EVERY FRIDAY.

Enquiry: This half term our topic is Passport to the World. We are learning about continents and oceans and focusing on Africa. Next half term we will be learning about the Victorian Era and Queen Victoria.

Science: Health and Growth - we will be finding out about how humans and plants change and develop.

Art and Design: We will be looking at the works of our class artists and producing our own versions – 2N Yoshitomo Nara 2H Hilma Af Klint.

Computing: We are using iPads to support our learning in Science and Enquiry.

P.E. Kit

We are asking children to come to school in their PE kit on the days that they have PE lessons:

This half term:

2N – Wednesday, Friday

2H – Tuesday, Wednesday

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.

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

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Homework

Children will be emailed their homework once a week as well as being available on the school website.

The homework will include activities linked to the learning that week.

Also included will be a list of spellings to practise for a weekly spelling test.

Please support your child with their homework.

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.

Discuss the topics that we will be learning about and use the internet with them to carry out research.

Practise basic maths skills – counting, adding, subtracting, 2D and 3D shapes, telling the time.

Continue to practise phonics to sound out words when reading and writing.

Uniform

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

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. We are ensuring that we do everything that we can to keep them safe at school. We are trying to minimise items going back and forth between home and school, so please bear with us whilst our routines change to accommodate current guidelines.

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**.

Children arriving after registration with no explanation from parents are marked with an unauthorised absence.

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.

The staff in Year 2 this term are:

2N – Mrs Narula, Francesca and Angela

2H – Miss Hanford, Miss Watson and Najma