

West Hill Primary School

Year 3 Autumn Newsletter

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



Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to West Hill! We hope that you have had a really enjoyable summer holiday and are ready for the school year ahead.

Ms Bates

Topics this term

Writing: We will be looking at warning tales, diary entries, writing dialogue and poetry.

Reading: We will be starting Reciprocal Reading (clarifying new words, predicting what will happen next and learning how to answer written comprehension questions)

Spelling and Grammar: We will be learning about different types of sentences, speech marks, different sentence starters, conjunctions and the Year 3 and 4 statutory spellings.

Maths: We will be focussing on place value, addition and subtraction.

History: Celts and Romans

Science: Rocks and soil, Light and Shadows.

Art and Design: Our class artist is Daniel Buren and we will be looking at his work and producing our own versions.

Computing: E-safety and coding.

Homework

Children will be given homework once a week. This will be online and emailed out by the office on Friday, as well as being available on the school website.

In addition to this, children will be expected to: read for a minimum of 15 minutes each evening and learn spellings for the test each Friday – the termly list of spellings is attached to this newsletter.

Reading books will be changed weekly. We will send home new books once the previous ones have been returned. New books will be issued on Fridays.

Home Learning Challenges

These have already been sent out to on paper and via email.

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.

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.

Summarise what you have read using concise sentences.

Diary Dates

Half term: Monday 26th October- Friday 30th October.

Last Day of Autumn term: Friday 18th December

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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 3 this term that is **Monday** and **Friday**.

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.

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.

Encourage them to learn their times tables and use Times Tables Rockstars - your child has been given a log in.

Encourage them to do their homework carefully and on time.

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

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. School gates open at 8.35. The school doors will open at 8.40. **The register is taken at 8:50.** Please be on time as this will help them to do the best that they possibly can this year.

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

Please have a look at the welcome to Year 3 Video again so you can see a bit more information about our topics this year.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m14rX8CDTfM>

Ms Bates