

# West Hill Primary School

## Year 4 Autumn Newsletter

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



Dear Parents and Carers,  
Welcome back to West Hill! We are so glad to see all the children 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, I 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.

**Mr Casey**

### Topics this term

**Writing:** We will be building up to a variety of genres including narrative, leaflets, broadcasting scripts and character descriptions.

**Reading:** We will continue to explore how to skim and scan text as well as how 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:** We will be focussing on place value (3 and 4-digit numbers) and the four main functions (+ - x ÷). We will be revising times tables, multiplying and dividing whole numbers by 10, 100 and 1000.

**History:** Ancient Egypt

**Science:** Electricity and Sound

**Art and Design:** Our class artist is Elizabeth Catlett. We will be looking at her work and producing our own versions.

**Computing:** Programming, coding and e-safety

### Reading and Spelling

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.

Ask questions about what they have read to help check their level of understanding. Explore what different words mean by using a dictionary. Summarise what they have read using concise sentences.

### Homework

Children will be given homework once a week. This will be a maths sheet that is given out on a Friday, as well as being available on the school website. The school office will email the answers to you, as we do not require the sheets to come back into school, but to be stuck into the homework book that will come home for you to use.

Learn spellings for the test each Friday; your child will bring a spelling sheet home each week. 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.

### Homework Learning Challenges

This has already been 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.

### Diary Dates

#### **Half term**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

#### **Last day of term**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

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### PE kit

Please bring your child into school in their PE kit on **Tuesday** and **Friday** this term.

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.

### 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**. Registration closes at **8:50**.

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.

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.

**Mr Casey**

**P.S. Here is the link to the Welcome to Year 4 video that was sent out in July if you missed the chance to see it.**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DVtIYcoVCE>**