

West Hill Primary School

Year 6 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 Atkin, Mr Hilliard and Mrs Rayworth

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 5/6 word lists and spelling rules already covered.

Maths: We will be focussing on the four main functions (+ - x /) and place value. We will be revising times tables, multiplying and dividing whole numbers by 10, 100 and 1000.

History: World War II

Science: Light, Electricity and Puberty (more info to come on this)

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

Computing: Programming and coding.

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

Wandsworth Tests

They will be held on **Thursday 3rd December**. The tests will be on Verbal and Non- Verbal Reasoning.

SATS

The Statutory Assessment Tests will be next year in **May 2021**, and the children will prepare for them by working hard and revising. The tests focus on Maths, Reading, Writing, Grammar and Spelling, and you will receive more information on the tests themselves and guidance on how to help your child achieve the best results that they can.

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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 6 this term that is Tuesday 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.

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**.

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.

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. You will be receiving a separate email about Secondary School transfer.

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PS Here is the link to the Welcome to Year 6 video that was sent out in July if you missed the chance to see it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cw-87hbz3lo>