

# AUTUMN TERM 2 Year 3 Newsletter

## DAYS TO REMEMBER

<b>Monday</b>	10 mins read out loud and record Practise spelling
<b>Tuesday</b>	Wear PE clothes to school 10mins read out loud Practise spelling Homework due in
<b>Wednesday</b>	Wear PE clothes to school 10 mins read out loud and record Practise spelling
<b>Thursday</b>	10mins read out loud Practise spelling
<b>Friday</b>	Maths homework set 10 mins read out loud and record

### Reading at home

All children at West Hill are expected to read out loud to an adult for at least 10 minutes each evening. Please ask them questions about what they have read and what they think might happen next. This should be recorded in the reading record at least 3 times a week. Please read a story to your child at bedtime each night as well as visiting your local library each week if you can.

### School Uniform

The uniform consists of:

Boys	Girls
Pale blue polo shirt Grey Trousers Grey shorts (Summer Term) West Hill sweatshirt Black shoes/trainers	Pale Blue blouse or polo shirt Grey skirt or trousers Blue checked dress (summer) West Hill sweatshirt Black shoes/trainers
	Plain blue or black hairbands Plain blue/ black headscarves

## Year 3 book recommendations

**Both book choices this half term are nominations for the Laugh Out Loud Book Awards – and Yr 3 will be voting!**



Sam Wu is scared of many things but is determined not to let anyone find out. These funny, fast-paced chapter books, written by Katie and Kevin Tsang are full of humour, black-and-white illustrations and a wacky plot. They are ideal for any readers who enjoy shorter, illustrated books.

Serena Patel's *Anisha Accidental Detective* series features a main character who comes from a very big, very loud and very busy family. She takes part in everyday activities that turn out to be adventures, and are perfect for year 3 children. Funny, boisterous and important for our children to see themselves reflected in books.

**We also are going to be BookPenPals with mother and daughter authors, Perdita and Honor Cargill, who wrote 'Diary of an Accidental Witch'. They will be writing to us regularly, and may even visit us at some point this year!**

## Nurturing Principles

*We believe in ourselves.*

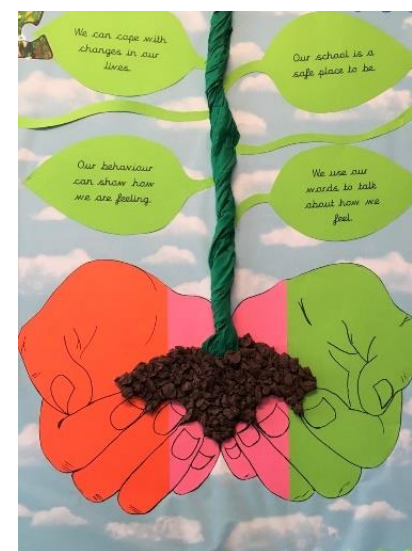
*We all learn in our own way and in our own way.*

*We use our own words to talk about how we are feeling.*

*We can cope with the changes in our lives.*

*Our feelings can show how we are feeling.*

*Our school is a safe place to be.*



## English

**Writing:** We are starting a CLPE project called Reflecting Realities, and will be looking at the work of Ken Wilson-Max as well as writing and designing our own picture book.

**Reading:** We will be carrying on with whole class reading where we check vocabulary, use partnered talk to think about questions, and answering specific questions about a text individually.

**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.

## Art/DT

Our class artist is Andy Goldsworthy and we will be looking at his work and using natural objects to produce our own artwork.

## Music

As we start to learn the recorder, we will play and perform, learning how to control our breathing.

## Physical Education

Gymnastics: Learn key shapes, travelling, balancing and sequences. Football: To learn ball control, how to dribble, pass and shoot.

## French

This half term we will learn how to name parts of the body, clothes and some colours.



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### Topic: What can we discover about Europe?



## Geography

We will be looking at maps of the UK and Europe, learning all about lines of latitude, and finding out about France – where is it, how do we get there and what are the main features.

## Computing

This half term we will remind ourselves how to stay safe with an introductory lesson on E-safety. We will then carry on learning about coding.

## Dates for your diary

Keeping Safe Week – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Tom Vaughan – author of Bin Boy - visit –1st Dec

SAVE THE DATE – Winter Lights Fair 10<sup>th</sup> Dec

Christmas Holidays – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday 3rd January

## Maths

We will be focussing on addition and subtraction and then multiplication and division. We will also be using Times Tables Rockstars to test children's fluency with times tables. Each week there will be a Big maths test which is timed and includes addition, subtraction and multiplication questions. In maths lessons children will be encouraged to use practical equipment and to record their work using models of 10s, 100s and 1000s.

## Science

This half term we are finding out about light and dark. We will think about how we see, what reflective surfaces are and how they work, how to make shadows, how to change them and how to keep safe with the sun.



## Religious Education

This half term we will find out all about signs and symbols from 5 different main religions.

## PSHE & RHSE

This half term we will be learning about good and not so good feelings, keeping safe and how we can identify positive things about ourselves and what we can improve.