

SPRING TERM 1 Year 3 Newsletter

DAYS TO REMEMBER

Monday	10 mins read out loud and record Homework due in Practise spelling
Tuesday	10mins read out loud Practise spelling
Wednesday	Wear PE clothes to school 10 mins read out loud and record Practise spelling
Thursday	10mins read out loud Practise spelling Bring recorder to school
Friday	Wear PE clothes to school Maths homework set Practise spelling 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 (no trainers)	Pale Blue blouse or polo shirt Grey skirt or trousers Blue checked dress (summer) West Hill sweatshirt Black shoes (no trainers)
	Plain blue or black hairbands Plain blue/ black headscarves

Year 3 book recommendations



Planet Omar by Zainab Mian

A graphic chapter book in the style of the Tom Gates or Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, Planet Omar takes in all sorts of issues, from dealing with school bullies and prejudice, especially against Omar's Muslim family, to forming new friendships and adjusting to change. Humorous, with a light touch.



Pizazz by Sophy Henn

The first in a super series for 7+ readers from the amazingly talented illustrator and author Sophy Henn. Brimming with Sophy's hilarious signature illustrations, this is the perfect read for fans of Dork Diaries, Tom Gates, Amelia Fang, Wimpy Kid and Dog Man.

We are also extremely fortunate in Year 3 to be Book PenPals with 2 authors - Simon Cherry (Eddie Stone books) and Perdita and Honor Cargill (Diary of an Accidental Witch). We regularly receive letters and book recommendations, and it gives the children a purpose for letter writing.

Nurturing Principles

We believe in ourselves.

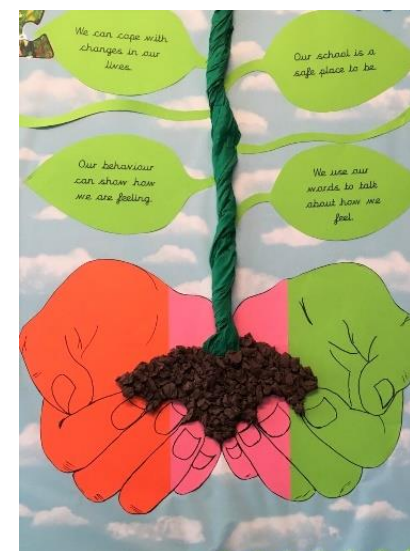
We all learn in our own way and in our own way.

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 will be looking at poetry, linking to the ongoing Reflecting Realities project that Mrs Atkin and Mrs Caraccio are taking part in. This term we will be looking at the work of Valerie Bloom, a Caribbean poet.

Reading: We will be continuing with whole class reading where we check vocabulary, use partnered talk to think about questions, and answer 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

Using the new Kapow art scheme, we will be learning about Prehistoric Art, which will involve looking at cave paintings, using charcoal, making our own paint and painting onto a textured background.

Music

As we continue to learn the recorder, we will play and perform, learning how to control our breathing. Next term we will be bringing our recorder home – remember that they need to be in school for our lessons on Thursdays!

Physical Education

This half term we will be learning about orienteering on Wednesdays and cheerleading on Fridays.

French

We will be learning vocabulary for a range of food, how to express our likes and dislikes, how to count and to use plural nouns.



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Topic: Who were Britain's first builders?

History - see attached knowledge organiser for more details.



Computing

This half term we will remind ourselves how to stay safe with an introductory lesson on E-safety. We will then learn all about online surveys. We will create surveys and collect data.

Dates for your diary

Parent's coffee mornings – all welcome!

12th January 9am- Welcome Back!
19th January 9am- PTA meeting (if you are interested in getting involved, please come along!)
26th January 9am- Year 1 Phonics Screening
2nd February 9am Top 10 Tips - Building Better Futures
9th February 9am- Year 2 SATs
23rd February 9am- Year 6 SATs
2nd March 8.30am - Booky Breakfast
9th March 9am – Times tables
16th March 9am - Science is all around us
23rd March 9am - Zones of Regulation (Wandsworth Autism Advisory Service) TBC
30th March 9am - House Captain presentation
Parent's evenings – 23rd and 24th February
End of term Music Concert – Thursday 24th March

Maths

We will be focussing on multiplication and division, money, statistics, length and perimeter and fractions. 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

Our topic this term is Forces and Magnets. We will be finding out about pushes and pulls, faster and slower and friction. We will investigate how magnets repel and attract each other.

Religious Education

Our topic this half term is religions in the neighbourhood. As well as researching the different religions that are practised near to school, we will go on a walk and identify the places of worship.

PSHE & RHSE

This half term we will be learning about what stereotyping is, about dares and how to manage friendships where somebody is daring you to do something, responsibilities, achievements and making mistakes.