

Year 4 Newsletter – Spring 1 – January to February 2022

DAYS TO REMEMBER

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear PE kit • 10mins read out loud, write in Reading Record • Practice spellings
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear PE kit • Homework due in • 10mins read out loud, write in Reading Record • Practice spellings
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10mins read out loud, write in Reading Record • Practice spellings
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trumpet lesson • 10mins read out loud, write in Reading Record • Practice spellings
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spelling test, new spellings given out • Maths homework given out • 10mins read out loud, write in Reading 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** and 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 three times a week.

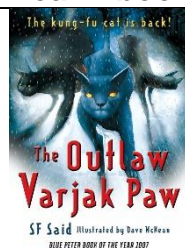
Please read a story to your child at bedtime each night as well as visiting your local library each week if you can.

School Uniform

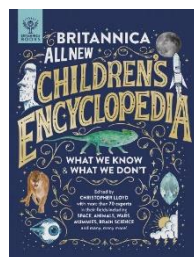
The uniform consists of:

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

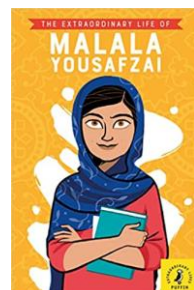
Year 4 book recommendations



The Outlaw Varjak Paw by S F Said. Did you enjoy our class story Varjak Paw last term? If so, then why not read the sequel by the same author?!



The Britannica Children's Encyclopedia is PACKED full of fascinating facts about our world!



Have you heard of the incredible story of **Malala Yousafzai**? She was a young school girl from Pakistan who stood up for children's right to education.

Wandsworth Town Library opening times:

Mon – CLOSED
 Tue – 9am-7pm
 Wed – 9am-7pm
 Thu – 9am-7pm
 Fri – 9am-5pm
 Sat – 9am-7pm
 Sun – CLOSED

Nurturing Principles

We believe in ourselves.

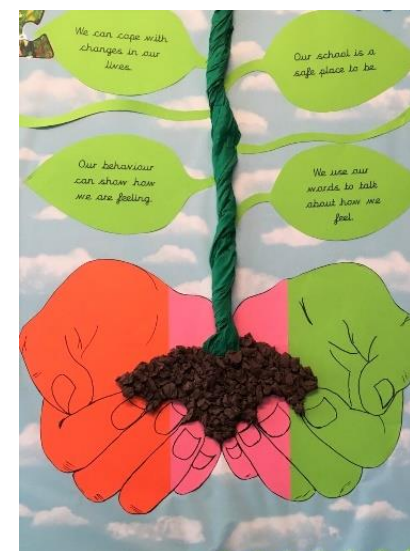
We all learn in our own way and in our own way.

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 exploring a variety of poetry genres including haikus, metaphors and similes. We will also be learning how to write suspense stories.

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.

Art/DT

Art and Design: We will be building on using skills such as tracing, pattern and symmetry and putting those into our artwork.

Music

We have trumpet lessons every **Thursday** with specialised music teachers from **Wandsworth Music**.

Physical Education

Monday – with Mr Casey
Tuesday – with Shaun

French

We will continue to expand our confidence and vocabulary with French greetings, descriptions and instructions.



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Topic: My local area



Geography/History

We will be learning about how our local area of Wandsworth. We will learn how our locality's buildings have changed throughout the years. We will be learning about what school life was like at West Hill in the past.

Computing

E-safety; making music using computer applications

Dates for your diary

12th Jan 9am – Coffee morning, Welcome Back!
2nd Feb 9am – Coffee morning, Building Better Futures

14th to 18th Feb – HALF TERM BREAK

23rd to 24th Feb – Parents' evening
2nd March 8.30am - Booky Breakfast
9th March 9am – Coffee morning, Times tables
16th March 9am – Coffee morning, Science
24th March – Trumpet concert

Maths

Maths: We will continue learning about multiplication and division, including times table skills. Then we will learn how to measure the area of 2D shapes. Then we will finish the spring term learning about fractions and decimals.

Please to continue to help your child practice their times tables in preparation for the Year 4 multiplications tables check in June 2022.

Science

Teeth and digestion – We will learn about the different types of teeth and our body processes food.

States of matter – We will learn about solids, liquids and gases and how certain substances can change between these states.

Religious Education

Valuing self and people of faith – We will learn about famous people whose faith has been important to them such as the Dalai Lama.

The Easter story – We will learn about the Easter story and why it is important for some religions.

PSHE

Living in the wider world

Health and well-being – Goals, dreams and resolving differences.

Anti-bullying