

DAYS TO REMEMBER

Monday	Staff: Mr Hilliard and Vanessa Homework: 10 mins read out loud to an adult and record in reading record
Tuesday	Staff: Mr Hilliard and Vanessa Homework: 10 mins read out loud to an adult and record in reading record
Wednesday	Staff: Mr Hilliard and Vanessa Swimming Homework: 10 mins read out loud to an adult and record in reading record
Thursday	Staff: Mrs Narula and Vanessa Homework: 10 mins read out loud to an adult and record in reading record
Friday	Staff: Mrs Narula and Vanessa PE – Rachel. Wear kit to school Homework: 10 mins read out loud to an adult and record 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, 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.

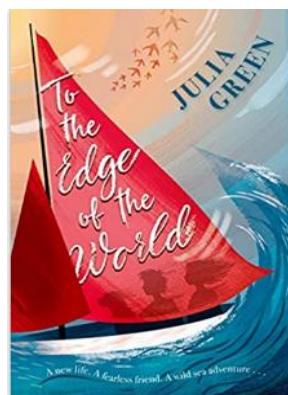
School Uniform

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

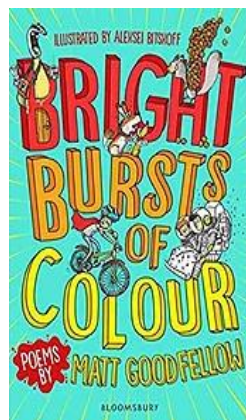
Year 5 book recommendations

To the Edge of the World by Julia Green



A beautifully written tale of courage, friendship, and survival.

Or try these...



Nurturing Principles

We believe in ourselves.

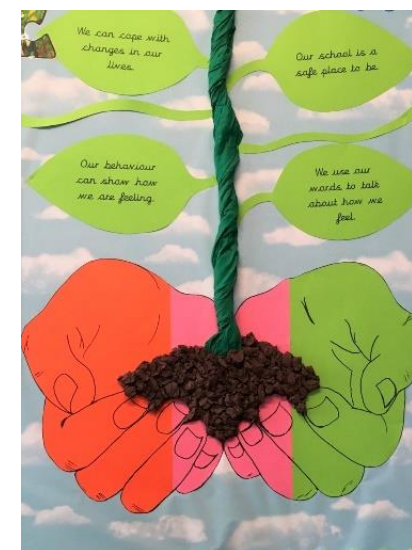
We all learn in our own way and in our own way.

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

Year 5 will be looking at the key features of settings. We will be developing our skills in describing settings in story writing.

We will also learn how writers use language to persuade and will create our own persuasive texts.

Art / DT

We will be linking our art to our history topic this half term.

We will learn about the art of the kingdom of Benin, which was very important to the people who lived there.

Music

This is a very exciting term for Year 5 as we are taking part in a singing project organised by Wandsworth Music Service. The project culminates in a performance opportunity either in school or as part of the '**Brighter Sounds**' Concert at Fairfield Halls in March 2022.

Physical Education

Year 5 are lucky enough to continue with their Swimming lessons with Eileen on Wednesday and have Rachel who will teach them dance on Friday.

French

We will learn how French adjectives must 'agree' with the nouns we describe in relation to both number and gender in the topic - Family & Friends.



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History – The Kingdoms of precolonial West Africa

We will learn why the kingdom of Benin was so powerful and who ruled it. Why was the kingdom invaded?

We will also learn about the colonisation.

Please refer to the knowledge organiser to learn more about this topic.

Computing

Year 5 will look at blogs as a medium and a genre of writing. What makes a good blog? We will learn to incorporate additional media- images, audios and videos.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday and Fridays are PE days. Wednesday – Swimming and Friday- Dance with Rachel.

Please wear your kit to school. A swim hat is a must and googles are helpful for your kids while swimming.

12th January 9am- Welcome Back!

19th January 9am- PTA meeting (if you are interested in getting involved, please come along!)

2nd February 9am- 10 Tips - Building Better Futures

2nd March 8.30am - Booky Breakfast

9th March 9am – Timestables

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
Parents evenings – 23rd & 24th February

Maths

Year 5 will continue to look at formal methods of multiplication and investigate Multiples, Factors, Common Factors.

We will also look at Prime Numbers and Cubed Numbers.

We will then look at division, dividing by 10s, 100s and 1000s and fractions.

Some other topics that we are going to learn are- Perimetre and Area of shapes. We will learn to measure and calculate Perimetres and work out Area of compound and irregular shapes.

Science

This half term we will be learning about animals and humans within which we will be discussing puberty in single sex classes. Mr Hilliard will take the boys and Mrs Atkin, our PSHE lead, will take the girls. A letter with further information will be sent home in due course.

Religious Education

We will be learning about Judaism and the main features of a synagogue. We will learn about the Ten Commandments and the importance of the Torah, how it is kept in the synagogue.

PSHE & RSE

Topic will be learning about is Growing and Changing. We will be making a link with our Science topic.