

SUMMER 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:

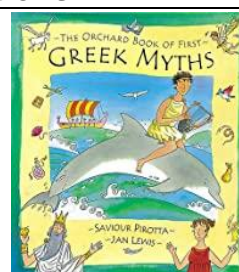
Boys	Girls
Pale blue polo shirt Grey Trousers Grey shorts (Summer Term) West Hill sweatshirt Black shoes or plain black trainers	Pale Blue blouse or polo shirt Grey skirt or trousers Blue checked dress (summer) West Hill sweatshirt Black shoes or plain black trainers. Plain blue or black hairbands Plain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

Year 3 book recommendations



The Boy Who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd

When Tomas discovers a strange old tree at the bottom of his grandad's garden, he doesn't think much of it. But he takes the funny fruit back into the house - and gets the delight of his life when a tiny dragon hatches! Tomas has to learn how to look after Flicker - quickly. And then something extraordinary happens - more dragonfruits appear on the tree.



The Orchard Book of First Greek Myths by Saviour Pirotta

Ten of the greatest and best-loved Greek legends retold with warmth and humour for young children and illustrated with bright, friendly artwork. Meet Theseus and the Minotaur, Odysseus, Pandora, King Midas and a whole cast of larger-than-life characters in a series of extraordinary adventures. The perfect introduction to Greek

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.

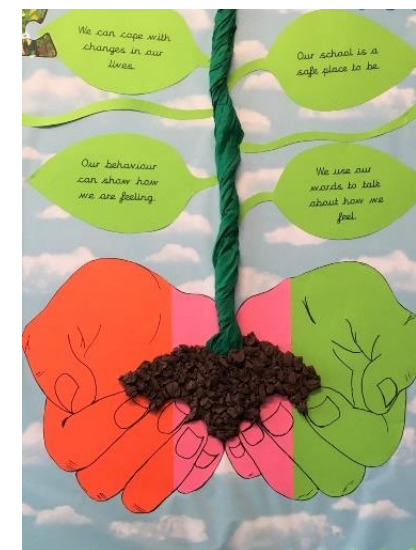
We all learn in our own way and in our own way.

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 finishing poetry work, linked to the ongoing CLPE project that we are taking part in. This term we will be looking at the work of Joseph Coelho, a writer, poet and playwright. We will also be looking at information texts as well as characterisation and settings within fiction.

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.



YEAR 3

Summer 1

Topic: What legacy have the Ancient Greeks left behind?

History - see attached knowledge organiser for more details.



Maths

We will be focussing on fractions, time, properties of shapes, mass and capacity. 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 half term is the skeleton. We will investigate how we can look after our bodies, why do we have a skeleton and how our muscles help us to move.

Religious Education

Our topic this half term is Who Was Jesus? We will be looking at various pieces of artwork that depict Jesus, making observations about his life. We will also look at descriptions of him from Bible stories.

French

We will be learning vocabulary for family and friends – my family, pets, the alphabet and my home.

PSHE & RHSE

This half term we will be learning about friendships, taking risks, who keeps us safe, human rights and how the media influences us.

Art/Dt

Using the Kapow art scheme, we will be looking at how sketchbooks are used, how a cartoonist works, what shades and tints are, and drawing and painting one of their toys.

Music

As we continue to learn the recorder, we will play and perform, learning how to control our breathing. We will continue to bring 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 tennis on Wednesdays and gymnastics with Rachel from Kick London on Fridays.

Computing

This half term we will remind ourselves how to stay safe with an introductory lesson on E-safety. We will be making animations and using Puppet Pals.

Dates for your diary

Parent's coffee mornings – all welcome!

Coffee mornings with the Mental Health Practitioners.

They are going to be in two parts:

Part 1 27.4.22 Feelings of anxiety and how to help your child deal with these

Part 2 8.6.22 Transitions and change and how to help your child deal with these moments

Science Around Us - 4 .5.22

KS2 bookshare Tues 24th May 9.15 – 9.45 – come in and look at your child's books in the classroom with them!

There is also a provisional date for the Summer Fair of Friday 8th July – keep the date!