

DAYS TO REMEMBER

Monday	10 mins read out loud and record Practise spellings
Tuesday	Wear PE clothes to school Homework due in 10mins read out loud Practise spellings
Wednesday	10 mins read out loud and record Practise spellings
Thursday	10mins read out loud Practise spellings
Friday	Wear PE clothes to school Maths homework & spellings 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 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 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:

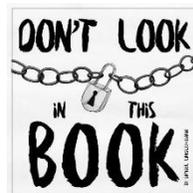
Boys	Girls
Pale blue polo shirt Grey Trousers Grey shorts (Summer Term) West Hill sweatshirt Black trainers	Pale Blue blouse or polo shirt Grey skirt or trousers Blue checked dress (summer) West Hill sweatshirt Black trainers
	Plain blue or black hairbands Plain blue/ black headscarves

Year 2 book recommendations



The Gingerbread Man

There are many versions of this classic tale. This is the fast paced tale of the Gingerbread Man who leapt out of the oven and ran away. Run, Run, as fast as you can. You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man! - famous last words by an arrogant cookie! This is linked to our English lessons this half term.



Don't Look in this Book by Samuel Langley-Swain The artwork is stunning, taking the reader on an imaginative

journey through fantastical places including outer space and a luminous green sewer – all told in rhythmic rhyming couplets which will encourage reading out loud.



The Queen's Hat by Steve Antony A sudden gust of wind sets off a marvellous London adventure for the Queen, the

Queen's men and one very special hat. So let's follow one determined, daredevil queen through the zoo, over Tower Bridge and up Big Ben... just where will that hat land? This is linked to our history topic.

Nurturing Principles

We believe in ourselves.

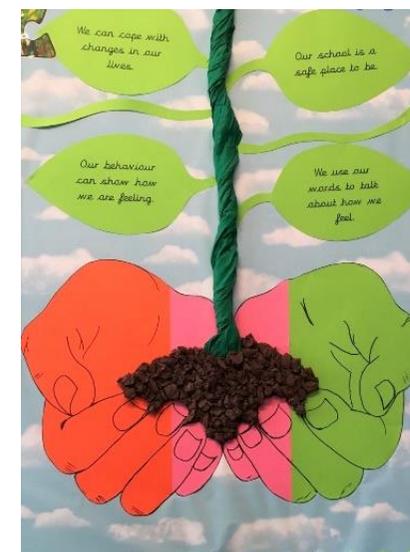
We all learn in our own way and in our own way.

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

This half term we will be retelling the story of The Gingerbread Man. We will be looking closely at his character in the book- what do his actions tell us about him? What does his speech tell us about him? We will be building our descriptive vocabulary and writing simple sentence to describe the Gingerbread Man. Later on, we will be making our very own gingerbread men and writing some clear instructions on how to make them.

Computing

We are games testers! We will be using the ipads to exploring the apps Scratch Jr and Puppet Pals. We will evaluate them and then create our own characters and games.

Art

This half term we will be creating some artwork based on our class artist Yayoi Kusama. We will also be doing some printing and pattern making based on the Victorian artist William Morris.

Music

Exploring sounds! The children discover ways to use their voices to describe feelings and moods. They create and notate, building to a performance.

Physical Education

This half term we will be developing our football skills with Shaun, our specialist PE teacher from Kick London. We will be practising our ball control, passing, shooting, our aim and taking part in simple games.



YEAR 2

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Topic: Where in the world is the UK?



Geography

The children will be using atlases to name and locate the four countries that make up the United Kingdom, as well as their capital cities and their surrounding seas. We will also discover some of the famous landmarks and foods from each country.

Dates for your diary

13.9.22 Year 2 Meet the teacher

Coffee morning dates

09.9.22 Welcome back, Nurture and well being

19.9.22 Reading and Homework at West Hill

03.10.22 RWInc and phonics parent meeting

10.10.22 International story morning, Black History Month

17.10.22 Maths in KS2 - How to help your child.

October: Black History Month

Maths

This half term in maths, we will be doing lots of work on our place value and addition and subtraction. We will be using resources to help us to count forwards and backward within 50. Partitioning numbers into their tens and ones is a key skill to learn in Year 2. We will also begin to count in 2's, 5's, 10's and 3's.

We will secure our number bonds to 20 and 100 and think about how to add and subtract 1's and 10's from 2-digit numbers.

Please encourage your child's counting skills and their adding and taking away at home using toys and household items. Encourage them to use the vocabulary more than, less than and equal to when comparing amounts.

Science

Animals including humans- Health and Growth

What are the different stages of human development? What do babies need to survive? How can we keep ourselves healthy? What is the life cycle of a butterfly? These are some of the questions we will be answering over the term.

Religious Education

In RE this half term, we will be learning about different places of worship. We will visit a local mosque to learn more about why this is a special place to the Muslim religion.

PSHE & RSE

We will be thinking about our responsibilities at school and at home, working cooperatively, how to manage our feelings and resolve conflict. We will also cover the importance of hygiene.