

SPRING TERM 2 Year 3 Newsletter

DAYS TO REMEMBER

Monday	10 mins read out loud and record Homework due in Practise spelling
Tuesday	Wear PE clothes to school 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	Maths homework set Practise spelling 10 mins read out loud and record

Reading at home

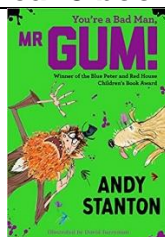
All children at West Hill are expected to read out loud to an adult for at least 10 minutes each evening. Please ask them questions about what they have read and what they think might happen next. This should be recorded in the reading record at least 3 times a week. Please read a story to your child at bedtime each night as well as visiting your local library each week if you can.

School Uniform

The uniform consists of:

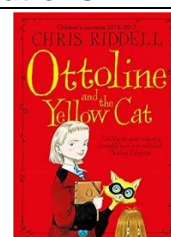
Boys	Girls
Pale blue polo shirt Grey Trousers Grey shorts (Summer Term) West Hill sweatshirt Black shoes or plain black trainers	Pale Blue blouse or polo shirt Grey skirt or trousers Blue checked dress (summer) West Hill sweatshirt Black shoes (no trainers) Plain blue or black hairbands Plain blue/ black headscarves

Year 3 book recommendations



**You're a Bad Man Mr Gum!
By Andy Stanton**

You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum! is the first book in the internationally best-selling series by Andy Stanton, which has won everything from the Blue Peter Book Award (twice) to the Roald Dahl Funny Prize and the Red House Children's Book Award. Mr Gum is a complete horror who hates children, animals, fun and corn on the cob. This book's all about him. And an angry fairy who lives in his bathtub. And Jake the dog, and a little girl called Polly. And there's heroes and sweets and adventures and EVERYTHING.



**Ottoline and the Yellow Cat
by Chris Riddell**

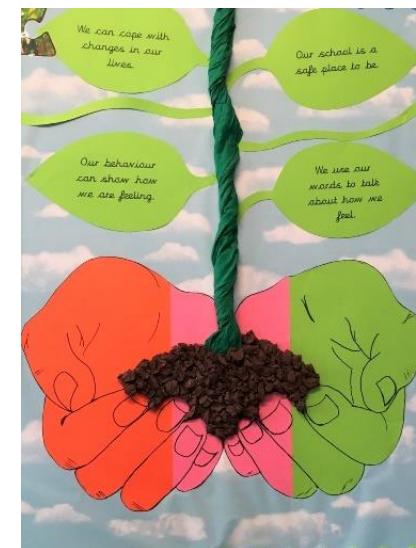
Introducing Miss Ottoline Brown, an exceptionally inquisitive Mistress of Disguise, and her partner in crime, Mr. Munroe. No puzzle is ever too tricky for the two of them to solve . . .

Ottoline lives in a stylish apartment in Big City with a small hairy creature called Mr. Munroe. Together they look after the Brown family's eclectic collections - and dabble in a spot of detective work.

We are also extremely fortunate in Year 3 to be Book PenPals with 2 authors - Simon Cherry (Eddie Stone books) and Lexi Rees. We regularly receive letters and book recommendations, and it gives the children a purpose for letter writing. As well as this we have Year 3 penpals at a school in Norfolk.

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.*



E-Safety:

Please use the websites below to look for help and support with keeping children safe online.

<https://www.childnet.com/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

English

Writing: We will be looking at poetry, linking to the ongoing Reflecting Realities project that West Hill is taking part in. This term we will be looking at the work of Valerie Bloom, a Caribbean poet. We will also be looking at explanation texts,

Reading: We will be continuing with whole class and guided 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 Kapow art scheme, we will be looking at observational drawing, adding texture, how to add expression to characters and how to develop illustrations.

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! **Concert Thursday 30th March**

Physical Education

This half term we will be learning about basketball on Tuesdays with Shaun from Kick London and football on Wednesdays.

French

We will be learning vocabulary for a range of classroom equipment, how to say 'I have a ...' and practising phrases to say what's in our school bag.



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Topic: What are the key regions in the United Kingdom?

Geography - 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 create surveys and collect data, linking with enquiry and science work.

Dates for your diary

Tues 28th Feb - Barnardo's workshop

Fri 3rd March - World Book Day for West Hill
Booky Breakfast at 8.15, KS2 Reading for Pleasure parent's workshop - Tara from LTLTR and Mrs Atkin

Mon 6th March - Magic Breakfast launch

Fri 17th March - Red Nose Day (fundraising for Turkey and Syria)

Wed 29th March - Rock Steady Concert 2.30 bottom hall

Thurs 30th March - Year 3 and 4 music concert - 10.15 bottom hall

Maths

We will be focussing on fractions as well as 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 Buddhism. We will find out about the origins, beliefs and festivals that are celebrated. We will also research the signs and symbols used in this religion.

PSHE & RHSE

This half term we will be learning about valuing differences, taking risks, respecting others' point of view and how to deal with disputes and conflicts.