

West Hill Primary School - Year 1

Autumn Term 2017

Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome to the start of Year 1 and the new school year, Autumn term 2017! Outlined below are some areas of the curriculum we will be covering this term.

Phonics

Your child will be continuing with the scheme called Read Write Inc. which they started in Reception. This scheme is designed to support and accelerate children's skills in working out and understanding texts. A copy of the Read Write Inc. book your child is reading will be sent home in a plastic wallet. This must come into school with your child **every day**. Spelling quizzes will also be set within the child's Read Write Inc. group. Please note, not every Read Write Inc. group will have a spelling quiz.

English

Our main focus for the Autumn term will be the correct use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in our writing. Please try to encourage the correct use of these at home. As part of our home reading we will be sending home another book for the children to read. Please try to listen to your child read for at least ten minutes every night; talk about the story and ask questions like 'what happens when...' and 'who are the characters...', 'what happens first..?' etc. This will help your child to make real progress. We shall also be continuing to build a sight vocabulary of words which we can read on sight without the need to blend. In year 1 we continue to work on forming all of our letters correctly and encourage cursive handwriting. Please help your child at home to practise this skill. Your child will be given a list of 5 words along with their homework challenges that they will be quizzed on the following week Friday. Please practise these words with them as they are sight words and tricky to spell. Correctly spelling these words will help them in their writing.

Mathematics

In Maths this term we will be counting forwards and backwards up to 100. We will be practicing writing numbers 1 to 20 in numerals and words. We will be identifying one more and one less than a given number. We will identify and represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line, and use the language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, and least. We shall also be practising addition and subtraction skills to 20, as well as counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10. We will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes, and identifying these in our environment. We will also be looking at tens and ones. It is important that the children understand what each digit in a number means. For example $45 = 4 \text{ tens and } 5 \text{ ones} = 40 + 5$. Try filling in missing number lines. Please encourage your child to write numbers correctly. Also try

and encourage your child to learn all number bonds to 10, for example, $6 + 4 = 10$, $7 + 3 = 10$.

Topic

Our Geography topic this half term will be 'My Community'. We shall be looking at our families and will try to draw family trees. We will be learning about our local environment and finding out all about Wandsworth and London. We shall be going on a walk around Wandsworth and finding out who lives here, who works here and looking at the uses of some of the buildings in the area. To further your child's learning you could go to the library or look on the internet for more information! After half term we will be looking at our History topic of 'War Time Heroines', during this topic we will be investigating and comparing the lives of significant individuals (Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell) who have contributed to national and international achievements.

Science

In Science this term we will be looking at the theme 'Animals Including Humans'. The children will be identifying and naming a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We will be looking at the structure of a variety of common animals. We will also be identifying, naming, drawing and labelling the basic parts of the human body and linking these to the associated senses.

Reminders

Please can you make sure your child has a P.E. kit in school (these can stay on their pegs) from Monday to Friday. West Hill PE kits are now available to buy online. If buying elsewhere it must be a plain white T-shirt, navy blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms as well as black plimsolls.

Reading books (both RWI and class readers) are changed at different points in the week, please make sure that their reading records and books are always kept in their book bags and that they are brought to school every day!

Homework challenges will be sent home on Fridays and are due in on a Wednesday. Please help your children to complete their homework challenges; but do not do it for them as they will not benefit from the educational value of these challenges. There will also be extra optional home challenges your child can complete throughout the term.

Please remember that we are a healthy school and birthday treats should be limited to individual cakes for the children and can be handed out at the end of school by the parent and child. We have a number of children with allergies so please do not bring anything into school that contains nuts.

Finally, we ask for a contribution of £1 a week. This money goes into a class fund which is used to pay towards any trips that we go on throughout the year.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Gunstone and Trudet

(Year 1 Green Park Class Teacher and Teaching Assistant)

Miss Hanford and Dionne

(Year 1 Holborn Class Teacher and Teaching Assistant)