

Year 3 - Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to West Hill! We hope that you have had a really enjoyable summer holiday and are ready for the school year ahead.

Topics this term:

English: English lessons take place every day. We start this term by looking at the book 'The tunnel' by Anthony Brown, focusing on story writing and language. Later in the term, we will be focussing on autobiographies; children will read famous examples and then write their own! As well as this, there will be a strong focus on grammar. We recap the basics -such as always using golden sentences- but quickly begin to look at more complex grammar, including using adverbs (e.g. he walked carefully) conjunctions (and, because and but) and when and how to use direct speech ("").

Maths: Maths lessons take place every day. Some of the topics we will cover this term include: number and place value (e.g. $123 = 100 + 20 + 3$); mental addition ($123 + 4 = ?$) and subtraction ($134 - 21 = ?$); multiplication ($\times 3 \times 4 \times 8$) and related division facts; shape work (recognising all 2d and most 3d shapes); measurement (telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes, knowing the days of the week and months of the year) and problem solving. Please practise recalling times tables at home.

Science: Science lessons take place once a week. During our first topic will be learning about rocks and soils (different types and how they can be grouped). This will be followed by light and shadow (different light sources, how we see and how shadows are formed).

Enquiry: Enquiry lessons take place once a week and include history, geography and art. Our topic this term is The Romans and Celts. The children will



Children will be given homework once a week. They will be expected to complete this homework to a high standard and bring it in on the appropriate day.

Friday due in Tuesday.

In addition to this children will be expected to:

- Read for a minimum of 15 minutes each evening
- Practise their times tables. There will be a test each week so make sure that you are ready!
- Learn spellings for the test each Friday

Homework Projects

Each term there will be a 'Home Learning Project' to complete with some of the tasks linked to the current topic. There will be 10 cross curricular activi-

P.E.

Calder class will be doing P.E on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Chagall class will be doing P.E on Tuesdays and Fridays.

P.E kit

- Please use a named bag.
- PE kit is available from the school office and consists of a white T-shirt, with the west hill logo, and dark blue or black shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings.
- Any other PE kit is not permitted.
- Children will also need suitable footwear to change into. They must make sure that they have plimsolls and trainers in their bag every week because where they do their P.E lessons is depend-



Uniform

The school uniform consists of a light blue polo shirt, a West Hill sweatshirt, black or grey trousers or skirt and dark shoes. No trainers are permitted.



Further subjects:

R.E: This term, we are focusing on Hinduism and religions in our neighbourhood, focusing largely on the similarities and differences between the religions. We will be visiting the Hindu Temple in September. If you haven't yet returned the slip please do so.

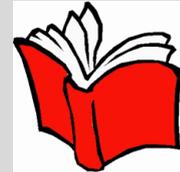
Music: We are very lucky to have trained musicians teaching our class this term. We will be learning how to play the recorder, drums and glockenspiel and hope to put on a concert for you at school so you can come and see what the children have learned!

PSHE: Circle time happens every week. In these lessons children are given opportunities to discuss and learn about a wide variety of topics including listening skills, rights and responsibilities and teamwork.

Computing: We continue to learn about programming and coding.

Reading and Spelling

- Your child will take home two books every fortnight. One will be a free choice from the classroom book corner and the other will be a band-ed book chosen by us that is aimed at their reading level.
- Listen to your child read every night.
- Ask questions about what they have read.
- Give your child comprehensions to complete to help check their level of understanding.
- Summarise what you have read using con-
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How you can help your child

You can help your child to do the best they can by listening to them read and asking them questions about what they have read. Encourage them to learn their times tables. Encourage them to do their homework carefully and on time. Discuss the topics that we will be learning about. Take them to the library or use the internet with them to research topics we are learning about. If possible, take them out into London at

the weekends - many museums and art galleries are free to enter. This will help them with ideas for writing and class discussions.



Attendance and Punctuality

Finally, please ensure that your child is present and on time each morning (registration is at 08:50) as this will help them to do the best that they possibly can this year.

We are really looking forward to meeting you at our '**Meet the Teacher**' session on **Monday 17th September**. From **3:15pm** we will be showcasing the work that the children have been doing this week during Enabling Enterprise. They will be handing out leaflets and stickers related to their campaigns. Please come and have a look at what we have been up to. Our meet the teacher will begin after this at **3:30pm**. It would be great to see you there!