

# William Westley C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents,

A Happy New Year to you all! We hope that you enjoyed a happy and healthy Christmas holiday, that the children are all feeling refreshed and recovered after their Christmas Play success and are ready for another hard working but enjoyable term. The children have made an excellent beginning to their Year Six at William Westley; we were very pleased with their work, attitude and behaviour last term and we look forward to another positive term.

In English, we will continue to look at a range of text types. We will begin the term by writing poetry and then moving onto Explanation texts. English homework this term will continued to be grammar based as we seek to understand formal and informal language, the passive voice and parenthesis.

In Year 6 mathematics, we will be consolidating and extending the children's knowledge of mental and written calculation strategies and problem solving in all areas. The children will be deepening their understanding of fractions, decimals, and percentages and how they relate to each other. We will develop our skills in drawing, measuring and calculating angles and will then move on to 3D shape, area and perimeter. We will also be continuing weekly times tables tests to improve speed and accuracy of mental calculations. We would be grateful for your continued support in helping your child to learn their times tables off by heart.

Our Science work this term will consist of completion of our Evolution and Inheritance topic then moving onto The Human Body.

In ICT last term, the children investigated spreadsheets and developed our coding skills using Codementum. This term we will be looking at E-Safety and writing and de-bugging programs.

In History, we will seek to complete our World War Two studies. Ancient Greece is the focus of our next unit when we will be devoting a whole week to find out about this ancient civilisation.



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In R.E, the children will study a world's major faith - Buddhism. We will also be thinking about our turn of taking responsibility for leading the Key Stage 2 Worship.

P.S.H.E. this term will cover Keeping Healthy and Identifying & Reducing Risk, learning strategies for avoiding and coping with difficult situations.

Having spent time learning, singing and playing 'Baboushka' tunes we will now be moving on to explore rhythm, rhyme and compositions in Music focussing on You've Got a Friend.

Our P.E. lessons normally take place on Tuesday and Wednesday. In outdoor games, we will be concentrating on hockey, football and netball skills and for indoor P.E. we are working on gymnastics and dance. As the weather may be unfavourable this term, P.E. might be moved to other times in the week and it is therefore important that children have their indoor and outdoor P.E. kits in school at all times. Jogging bottoms and tops are particularly important at this time of year along with suitable outdoor trainers. Please note that the jogging top must be different from the William Westley sweatshirt children wear in school. Any child without these items will be given the class Spare Kit to borrow to enable them to participate in this subject. If your child is unable to take part in P.E. for any reason, please send a note or email the office, excusing them from the lesson.

Homework will be set on a Thursday and collected the following Wednesday. Children are also expected to read for 30 minutes, six times a week at home, both independently and to an adult as appropriate. If your child requires assistance in choosing an appropriate challenging text, please come and speak to us.

We are grateful that the children attend school punctually, between 8:45 and 8:55, looking smart, setting an excellent example for the rest of the school. Thank you!

Your continued support is much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Lisa Perry

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