

# West Tytherley C.E. (Controlled) Primary School



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new academic year at West Tytherley! May I take this opportunity of welcoming both you and your child to Oak Class for 2016/17!

Today, your child has been issued with a new 'Home School Record' which will serve as a communication book between home and school. I know that you have used this book in previous years, but I thought I would outline its use as a reminder. The record book is designed to last throughout the academic year 2016/17 and it is essential for children to take it to and from school each day to enable effective communication.

At the front of the diary there is a timetable. P.E. and Games times (currently on Tuesdays and Thursdays) will be entered on here to help your child ensure he/ she has the correct kit for such activities. However, it would be useful for P.E. kits to be in school every day in case of timetable changes or special activities.

It is important for all children to have the opportunity to read with an adult regularly at home and there is space in the 'Home School Record' to record home reading sessions. If your child is a confident reader, he or she may prefer to discuss their book rather than reading aloud. They could do this by summarising the plot, making predictions, reading 'between the lines', discussing favourite characters and justifying opinions using evidence from the text. It is expected that children will have **three or more reading entries in their 'Home School Record' each week (either from reading aloud or discussing texts read)** and they will be given house points for fulfilling this expectation. Evidence suggests that reading at home is hugely beneficial to children's progress.

Homework will be set on a weekly basis. **It will be given out every Wednesday, to be completed by the following Tuesday.** Tasks will be written in your child's 'Home School Record' and will involve an English, Maths, Science and topic based activity. Your child will be given a homework book in which to do their work and each task should take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Homework will begin during the week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> September. **In addition, your child will be given a weekly spelling list every Monday with the expectation that spellings should be learnt by Friday.**

There is a section on each page of the 'Home School Record' entitled 'Comments'. This can be used by both teachers and parents for short messages.

Attached to this letter is an outline of the curriculum for the autumn term. As you can see, we will be learning a great deal and, hopefully, having some fun along the way!

Finally, I would like to thank you in anticipation of your support in using the 'Home School Record' system. I hope you find that it enhances communication between home and school. I look forward to working with you and your child during this academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Andrea Hodgson  
Deputy Headteacher