



Healthy Schools



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



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new academic year at West Tytherley! .

This week your child was given a new 'Home School Record' which will serve as a communication book between home and school. I hope this letter will be useful in explaining its use.

The record book is designed to last throughout the academic year 2016/7 and it is essential for children to take it to and from school each day to enable effective communication.

It is important for Year 3/4 children to have the opportunity to read to an adult regularly at home and there is space in the Home School Record to record home reading sessions. If your child is an able reader, he or she may prefer to discuss their book rather than reading aloud. They could do this by summarising the plot, making predictions or discussing favourite characters. It is expected that children will have **three or more reading entries in their Home School Record each week** and they will be given house points for fulfilling this expectation. Evidence suggests that reading at home is hugely beneficial to children's progress.

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.

Homework will be set on a weekly basis. **It will be given out every Tuesday, to be completed by the following Monday.** Tasks will be written in your child's homework book and will involve an English, Maths and topic based activity. Each task should take approximately 30 minutes to complete. **In addition, your child will be given a weekly spelling list on Fridays with the expectation that spellings should be learnt by the following Friday.**

P.E. and Games times will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure your child has the correct kit for these activities. However, it would be useful for P.E. kits to be in school whenever possible in case of timetable changes or special activities. We will also be taking advantage of every possible opportunity to learn outside and so please ensure that your child has suitable footwear and a warm, waterproof coat in school **every day.**

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,

Mrs Emma Procter  
Willow Class Teacher