



West Tytherley C.E. (Controlled) Primary School



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Dear Parents,

May I start by wishing you all a very Happy New Year and hope that you have enjoyed a well-earned rest with your children over the Christmas period. I was so proud of all of them for the resilience they showed at the end of last term, in particular during the hectic last week.

Please find attached the Curriculum Map for the Spring Term, which I hope you will find useful. In addition, I wish to draw your attention to the following:

PE/Games

As before, PE will take place on a Monday and Games on a Wednesday. Please ensure that your children have a full, named PE kit in school at all times, including socks for the girls who are wearing tights in this cold weather.

Coats

Whilst on the subject of the weather, it is essential that the children come to school with appropriate outdoor clothing (coat, hat, gloves, scarves) in order to ward off any bugs that may decide to descend.

Reading

Although the children have two guided reading sessions per week with myself, Mrs Spreadbury and Mrs Bessant, it would be great to have volunteers who could spare some time to come in to school to hear them also. I know that Mrs Furness enquired some time ago whether any parents would be available to come into school and I wanted to reiterate that this is an open-ended request. Therefore, if you have some time to spare and wish to volunteer, please let Mrs Furness or Mrs Newitt know and we can get the ball rolling.

Homework

Children in Year 1 will continue to receive weekly spellings to learn, which are linked to the focus phonics sound of the week. It is a good chance for them to be able to put words into context, which in turn will boost their writing.

Children in Year 2 will also continue to receive their weekly spellings. In addition, I have requested (and should be receiving this week) targeted Maths and English workbooks that the children will be using in class. Two of these books will also act as home learning books, where work covered during the week can be consolidated at home. It is also a perfect opportunity for you to see the expectations placed upon the children in the run up to SATS in May. Once these books have arrived I will send a further letter to parents of children in Year 2 with more information. In essence, I hope that you will find these books helpful in supporting your children with their learning in school.

Word Work

This term, the groups in which the children do their daily 'word work' will change slightly. In Year 1, our focus will be on recapping their Set 2 sounds and introducing the Set 3 sounds. I will also be introducing 'alien' words to the children in order for them to demonstrate their understanding and for me to continually assess their progress in the run up to the phonics screening check in June.

The Year 2's will be recapping all of the Read, Write Inc sounds and will be consolidating the spelling and grammar rules learned in class. Again I will write to parents of Year 2 children in more depth shortly.

I hope that you find the above information of use, but please feel free to speak to me at the end of the school day.

I very much look forward to working with you and your children in the coming term.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Sarah Myers
Chestnut Class Teacher