



Westlands Primary School

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VCC/ELB/JEK/Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter, Term 5, 2016-17

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a real adventure in Term 3 with our topic 'Around the World'. Norway was such a peaceful place to find out about until the Norwegian trolls took the magic chalk! We wrote fantastic stories about what happened next. We have been so impressed by the children's hard work this term, particularly in learning their times tables. We are also getting much better at using our learning to solve maths problems. The children particularly liked making some tasty food from around the globe last term, with delicious looking Norwegian butter biscuits, Peruvian solterito and Moroccan cous cous.

In Term 5 we will continue our 'travels' with the topic 'The Seven Seas'. This time we shall be sailing around the globe and visiting groups of islands with very different cultures. First destination: the pacific islands (Hawaii, Fiji, Tonga, New Zealand etc.). Whilst there we will look at the fantastic traditional artwork created on the islands and learn to write our own stories set in another culture.

Below is a list of subjects that we will be covering in Term 5:

| Subject | Term 5 |
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| Literacy | Stories from another culture Diaries Explanations |
| Numeracy | Shape, position and direction Addition and subtraction Fractions |
| Science | Human health and fitness (Terms 5 & 6) |
| ICT | Writing simple algorithms (Continued from Term 4) |
| Geography | The Seven Seas |
| R.E. | Islam |
| Art | Pacific Island patterns |
| Design & Technology | Origami |
| P.E | Applying physical skills and reactions |
| Music | Weekly music lessons with the music tutor |

PE

All pupils will have a swimming lesson on Tuesday morning. In addition, Diamond and Pearl class have a PE lesson on Wednesdays and Opal class have theirs on a Friday. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school throughout the term as we may hold additional sessions or events on different days. The kit should include a change of t-shirt and shorts and plimsolls. Long hair must be tied back with a hair band. Please provide a note if your child is unable to take part in PE due to a medical reason. PE is a compulsory part of the curriculum and all children are expected to partake whenever possible.

Westlands Primary School is a creative learning environment where all children are supported to achieve their best.

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Homework

Homework is set on Fridays and is due the next Thursday. We are having a real focus on our spellings so please help your child to learn the spellings for the week! If you are not sure what spellings your child should be learning please speak to your child's teacher who will be happy to help.

We are all working on our times tables too. By the end of Year 3, we need to know our 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 & 10 times tables. It is a great idea to help your child practise these and it only takes a moment!

It is very important that your child reads out loud to you every day. Please sign in the reading record book each day to tell us that they have read. Remember, your child will receive a badge after they have read 10 or 50 times!

We are going to be challenging the children to use Bug Club and Mathletics more at home. Don't forget that Mathletics gives you certificates for using it. If you need your child's log in details or if you come across any problems when using Bug Club or Mathletics please speak to us about it as we will do everything we can to resolve these.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Yours faithfully,

Mr Kimber

Miss Tucker

Miss Owens