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VCC/ELB/JEK/Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter, Term 6 of 2016-17

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Just when we thought that our topic couldn't get any more interesting, our learning journey took us to some of the most fascinating islands in Term 5. Discovering the real world behind the Moana film, we were captivated by Maori artwork, tales of strange sea creatures and the mysterious Easter Island statues. Following that we 'stopped off' in Japan, wondering at the beauty and serenity of what we encountered. All of this has given us fantastic opportunities to develop our descriptive writing and begin to make our sentences more varied and detailed.

In Term 6 we will be staying much closer to home, focussing on how Sittingbourne has changed throughout its long history. This will give us a chance to find out about local artwork and the local attractions, as well as exploring the paper making process. There will be lots of great writing opportunities based on Sittingbourne, including the chance to write our own plays!

Below is a list of subjects that we will be covering in Term 6:

Subject	Term 4
Literacy	Persuasive writing Stories with familiar settings Play scripts
Numeracy	Measurement Statistics Number and calculation
Science	Human health and fitness (Terms 5 & 6)
ICT	'Services' of the internet (URL, IP address etc.)
Geography	Sittingbourne Through the Ages
R.E.	Our School Values
Art	Artwork in Sittingbourne
Design & Technology	Making Paper
P.E	Movement using balls
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