



Westlands Primary School

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STP/ELB/JYB/Yers 5&6/Term 1/Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to say, "Welcome to Upper Key Stage 2!" All of the staff are very excited about the new academic year and teaching the children in years 5 and 6.

The children will be studying many new areas within the curriculum, which is detailed below. We encourage your child to research any topic that they wish to and then bring their work into school. We love to share their work in class.

Homework/Reading

Maths homework will be completing activities on Mathletics. We would also like your child to read every day, either using their reading book or Bug Club. We will send a reading book home with your child. Please ensure that you sign your child's homework diary when they have read, or fill in the Buster's Book Club bookmark every Wednesday.

In Year 6, the children will be given access to Google Classroom. Here, they will be able to complete homework assignments which will be set by their class teachers online. The learning platform is fully monitored by staff and they are able to see who has completed the home learning tasks and how well they have done. A letter with more information will be with you in Term 1.

Curriculum

Below are the topics that we will be studying in Term 1. Please feel free to support your child with any additional research that they would like to do.

Subject	Term 1
English	Both year 5 and 6 War Horse by Michael Morpurgo Diary entry Description Newspaper report Formal letter
Maths	Year 5 Number and Place Value Addition Subtraction Year 6 Number and Place Value Addition Subtraction Division and multiplication

Subject	Term 1
Science	Light
ICT	E-Safety
Topic (History, Geography, D.T, Art)	World War I
R.E.	Judaism
P.S.H.E.	Strengths and Challenges
P.E	REAL PE
Music	Recorders and Classroom music
French	Year 5 - Pets Year 6 - at school

PE

Children will need a PE kit in school every day. The kit should include a white t-shirt, blue/black shorts and plimsolls. A blue/black tracksuit can be worn during the colder months if we go outside. Long hair must be tied back with a hair band. Please provide a note if your child is unable to take part in PE or speak to your child's teacher.

PE Days

Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit in school **every day**.

Year 6 will swim on a Tuesday and year 5 on Wednesdays.

Uniform

Children should be wearing black shoes - trainers are only to be worn for PE. We would also like to remind you that necklaces, earrings, bangles etc. are not part of the school uniform and therefore should not be worn. Nail varnish should also be removed. Could you also ensure that children are not wearing large bows or bandanas in their hair; hair bands and accessories should be in school colours (red, white, blue, black).

Yours faithfully,

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