

Donations

We are always very grateful for any donations that you can give us in Reception.

We would like:

- Old pots or pans for our mud kitchen
- Spare clothing
- Recycling materials for our creative area (cardboard boxes, tubes, plastic pots etc)
- Any toys or dressing up clothes that are no longer used.

Outdoor play

The summer is coming!

Please make sure you send your child in with a sun hat and apply sun cream before they come to school.

Please make sure your child's name is written in all clothing, shoes, hats, wellies etc. especially jumpers as children will take them off throughout the day.

It is near impossible to find lost items again if there is no name in them.



Home Learning

Please continue to support your children's learning at home.

You can do this by:

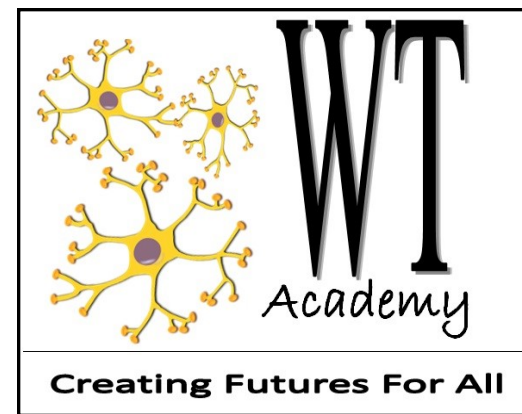
- **Reading with your child every day.**
Remember to talk about the story they are reading, ask them questions about what has happened? What might happen next? What characters they like best and why?
- **Writing practice**
Please practice writing sentences with your child. They need to be using capital letters, finger spaces, full stops and their sound mats.
- **Maths practice**
Please practice adding and subtraction on a number line, doubling, halving and sharing. Recognizing coins and learning the properties of 3D shapes.
- **Homework**
The children have been working very hard with completing their homework. Please make sure that your child hands in their homework every Wednesday from the previous week.

As always if you have any questions or problems please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continuing support.
Miss Davies, Miss Sevil, Miss Robinson, Miss Dunbar and Miss Shonubi.

WEST THORNTON PRIMARY ACADEMY

Curriculum Newsletter Summer Term



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Summer Term 2018

This term we will be looking at two new topics. Our first topic will be 'Minibeasts' and the second will be 'Water'.

During our minibeasts topic we will be learning about 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and how he turns into a butterfly. We will look at the lifecycle of butterflies and different facts about them. We will also look at information books to write our own minibeast fact file. If you can, please share story books about minibeasts with your child, such as 'The Hungry Caterpillar', 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird' and 'Arrrr Spider!'.

We will begin to learn about water in the second half of the summer term. We will learn about where water comes from and the water cycle. We will look at how water is good for us and helps our bodies. Science will also play a role in this topic as we will carry out sinking and floating experiments.

We will look at the role that water plays in our community by talking about how water is used in our everyday lives.

Please try and share 'The Rainbow Fish' story with your child to support their understanding of animals that live under the sea. We will also read 'The Snail and the Whale' and 'Commotion in the Ocean'.

We will be having a whole school pause in June for 'The World Cup'. Here we will be learning about different counties around the world and football.

Reading

This term the children will be sent home with a library book of their own choice every two days. We really encourage you to read this book to your child every evening and ask questions about what you have read. These questions might be 'How do you think the character feels?', 'Where is the title?', 'Who is the author?'. We will also be reading with your child individually once a week and this book will also be sent home. Similarly, please practise to read this with your child and ask questions about what they have read. Your child will also have a guided reading session where they will read a book in a group with other children and discuss what they have read. We are also focussing on learning all of our tricky words so please practise these at home.



Numeracy

This term we will be consolidating our adding and subtraction knowledge. This includes practising how to subtract practically, using dots and on a number line. We will also be looking at halving and sharing equally using objects.

You child will be using everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position, distance, time and money to compare quantities and objects and to solve problems.

Dates for your diary

SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 7th May 2018

Ugly bug ball

11th May 2018

Last day of Summer 1

Friday 25h May 2018

Half Term Holiday

Tuesday 28th May 2018—Friday 1nd June 2018

Back to school for Summer 2

Monday 4th June 2018

Parents Evening Drop in

Wednesday 11th July 2018

End of Summer term

Friday 20th July 2018



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