

## Helping your child at home

### Knowledge Organisers

With each new Learning Challenge your child will be sent home a knowledge organiser. These are designed to give you key terms and facts about the learning taking place in the learning zone. You can use these to question your child about their day at school.

### Learning logs

Children will receive a learning log question every Friday which will need to be completed and returned to school by the following **Wednesday**. We ask for Learning Log homework to be your child's work as far as possible and ideas are presented in a creative way (printed pictures, drawings, sentences, making mini books etc). Please see your child's class teacher for help if you need it.

### Spellings

On a Friday, children will be given 10 spellings to learn each week. They will be tested on the following Wednesday as well as the Friday. Please practice these spellings as they support your child in all aspects of their learning, particularly reading and writing.

### Blogging

All children will be taught how to log on and post comments on their class blog as well as other classes. Usernames and passwords will be sent home. Please ensure these are kept confidential.

## Important information

### PE

**Our PE days are:**

Rosecourt Road—**Thursdays**

Canterbury Hub—**Wednesdays**

It is very important that children have the correct PE kit in school **at all times**. A full PE consists of a white t-shirt, navy shorts and trainers. As the weather gets colder, children are allowed to bring in jogging bottoms and a jumper to wear outside.

Children will not be allowed to participate without a full kit and a letter will be sent home.

### Year 1 Team

#### Teachers

##### **Rosecourt Road**

Miss O'Reilly, Miss Parker, Miss Doran

##### **Canterbury Hub**

Mrs Delwiche, Miss Moll, Mrs Mustapha

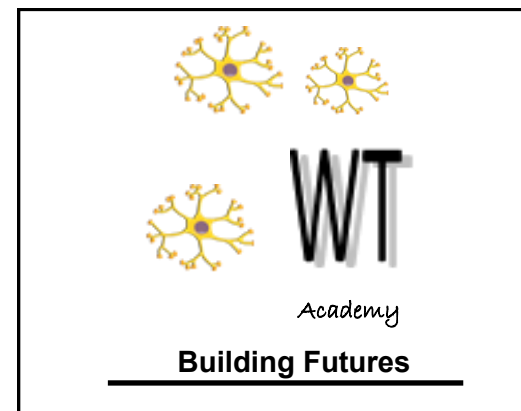
#### Our Teaching Assistants

RR: Miss Dee, Miss Amokrane, Miss Kowlessar

CH: Miss Petch, Miss V, Mrs Rahiman

## WEST THORNTON PRIMARY ACADEMY

### Curriculum Newsletter



## Year 1

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## This half term

It has been a great start to the new school year and we are sure that this will be an enjoyable and productive year for everyone in Year 1.

We will be teaching all subjects through Learning Challenges which is our unique, cross curricular approach to teaching and learning. All subjects will be taught through Learning Challenges taking into account what the children know, would like to know and what they have learnt. Our first Learning Challenge which will last for most of the half term will be 'Can I run a Zoo?'. For this part of the term the lead subjects will be Literacy, Art and Science. We will be looking at different animals describing, sorting and classifying them. We will visit London Zoo during this half term in order to get first hand experience of a Zoo as well as meet a Zookeeper to answer all of our burning questions.



Other topics covered for this term will include: *What can I learn from Anancy stories?*, and *What do I believe?* Our term will end with a Christmas Performance by the children!

In Literacy we will be covering various genres including recounting our trip, letter writing and creating animal fact files. We will be focusing on writing sentences and using the correct punctuation.

There will also be an emphasis on correctly forming cursive handwriting leading to, those children who are ready, moving to using joined up handwriting. Children will be practicing their handwriting daily.

Our main focus for this term in numeracy will be the number system. We will be looking at Place



Value, including addition and subtraction within 10 and extending up to 20. In Year 1 emphasis is placed on Reasoning which encourages the children to explain their understanding of how they found the answer and what links they made between their learning.

### Reading

Each child has a reading scheme book which must be brought to school **everyday**. Children can also choose a book from the book corner. Parents are asked and encouraged to listen to their child read the reading scheme book or a book of their choice on a **daily** basis and write a comment and sign the reading record book.

A teacher will read and sign the reading record once a week when your child has been read with 1:1 by their class teacher.

Books will only be changed upon return of the book given by the teacher, which we monitor closely.

As always if you have any questions or problems please do not hesitate in contacting us. Teachers are available to speak to parents **after** school, or if this is not convenient, please phone and make an appointment via the office staff who will pass on your message. Please note that it is extremely difficult to speak to parents after the morning bell has gone as we are legally responsible for the children in our class.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to working with you all this year.

## Dates for your diary

**Wednesday 26th September 2018**

London Zoo Visit—Rosecourt Road

**Thursday 27th September 2018**

London Zoo Visit—Canterbury Hub

**Friday 19th October**

INSET DAY

**Monday 22nd Oct-Friday 2nd Nov**

Half Term Holiday (2 Weeks)

**Thursday 15th November 2018**

Parents Evening

**Friday 21st December 2018**

Last day of term

**Dates to be confirmed:**

Individual School Photos

Parents Evening

Year 1 Christmas Performance

