

## Helping your child at home

### Learning logs and Knowledge Organiser

Children will receive a learning log question every Friday which should be completed and returned to school by the following **Wednesday**. Please encourage your child to be creative when answering the question.

The Knowledge Organiser has key information that all children should learn and retain for each topic. It can be used as a knowledge checklist, as children will be quizzed on it.

### Blogging and Google Classroom

We will continue to use our Blogging website, which gives children the opportunity to write about their learning to a world-wide audience.



Please visit the site and encourage members of your family across the world to log on and see what we have been learning.

Google Classroom is a way to communicate with other children in their zone and teachers. They can also complete tasks at home.



### Reading

Please can you make sure that you read with your child **every day** when they come home from school. That might include their reading book, newspaper, recipes, a story you have found on the internet or a comic they enjoy! The list is endless! It is important that you fill in the **Reading Record** every day once you have heard your child read, as it gives us more information about their reading habits and experiences.



## Important information

### Uniform and PE

Please ensure your child has a coat, especially when the weather begins to get colder. We aim to get the children out at playtime as much as possible during the coming months.

PE kit and book bags must be in school every day. They can be purchased from the school office. No backpacks please.

### Allergies and Policies

We are a **nut free** school. Please ensure your child **does not** bring any nut product to school. This includes Nutella in sandwiches and cereal bars.

Children are not allowed to bring gifts or sweets into school to hand out to other children on their birthday. Parents may do this in the playground, if desired.

### Year 2 Team

#### West Thornton Primary Academy

##### Class 2.1 Teacher

Miss Gordon and Miss Whitby

##### Class 2.2 Teacher

Miss Walters

##### Class 2.3 Teacher

Miss Johnson

##### Canterbury Hub

##### Class 2.4 Teacher

Miss Keminsky

##### Class 2.5 Teacher

Miss Adekola

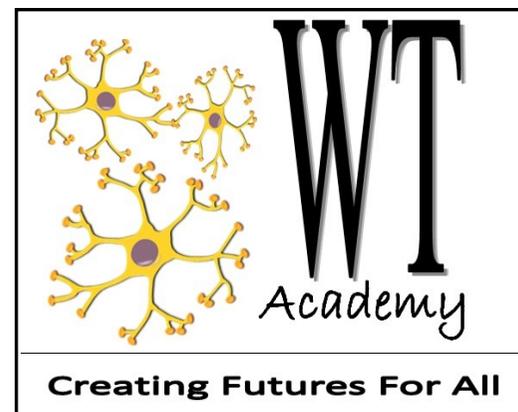
##### Support staff

**WTPA:** Miss Ahmed and Mr Lee

**Hub:** Miss Hall, Mrs Aziz, Miss Sonia and Mr Williams

## WEST THORNTON PRIMARY ACADEMY

### Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term



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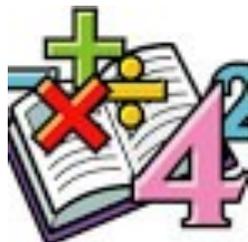
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# Autumn Term

Welcome back to a brand new school year which we have kicked off to a flying start!

Our first few days were focused on BLP (Building Learning Powers). Children in Year 2 were able to deepen their understanding of each Learning Power and then were able to create their own mascot. We also discussed e-safety and the ways in which we can stay safe while on the internet. Children learnt what to do if they encounter something that makes them feel uncomfortable and what are the best actions to take.

In our maths challenges we will be looking at different strategies to add and subtract, as well as using place value to partition two and three digit numbers.



The second topic is 'What can we learn in the Woods?'. We will be exploring different stories set in the woods, creating art based on Andy

Goldsworthy's work and learning about different animals that live in the woods. We will also be learning how to read maps and creating our own maps of our journey to Coombe Woods. As part of this topic we will be visiting Coombe Woods in South Croydon. This will bring our learning alive as we measure tree trunks, leaves and branches we find in the woods and go on a treasure hunt to find out our own treasure!

After half term our first topic will be, 'How do I know I'm alive?'. We will be reading, 'George's Marvelous Medicine' and learning about ways to keep safe with medicine.

In our maths challenges we will be working on problem solving strat-



egies and reasoning.

The following topic will be on Diwali as the children will be asking, 'What do Hindu's believe?'. We will be learning the story of the Rama and Sita, during which the children will publish their own book of Rama and Sita.

During our maths challenges we will be creating our own Rangoli patterns and learning about symmetry. The children will also be planning there own Diwali

party where they will be performing a Bollywood dance they have learnt.



Our last topic this term will be about Christmas! We will be retelling the traditional story from different characters' perspectives. We will

also go on a worldwide trip with Santa to learn about the different continents and countries around the world. The children will be learning Christmas songs and we will invite you to join us in a Christmas sing-a-long!

As usual, if you have any questions or problems please do not hesitate to contact the Year 2 team.

**Lastly, during our topics we will be thinking about our rights and the rights of children in other parts of the world.**



We have the right to our beliefs and opinions and to share them freely.



We have the right to learn.



# Dates for your diary

## HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Friday 19th Oct – Friday 2nd November 2018

## School Opens

Monday 5th November 2018

## End of term

Friday 21st December 2018



## Visits

We will be visiting Coombe Woods 4 times during our woods topic. The dates are:

Wednesday 19th September

Wednesday 26th September

Wednesday 3rd October

Thursday 11th October

Children will need an appropriate coat and footwear. We will be travelling to and from the woods on the tram.



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