

Helping your child at home

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**.

Timetables and Spellings.

Every week there shall be a spelling test for ten spellings that can be located in your child's learning log. Children will also be expected to know all these times tables in and out of order by the end of the year.

Blogging

Our Blogging Website has had an enormous impact on the children's writing over the past year, giving them a world wide audience for their work and opinions. Please visit the site and encourage members of your family across the world to log on and see what we have been learning about!

www.westthorntonblogs.net

Home learning.

The children in year four have various learning platforms to use while at home.

Times Table Rock Stars is available as an app or online and the children's log ins will allow them to play anywhere and at anytime.

They also have access to Google Classroom where small tasks may be available and Mathletics and SPAG.com, a maths program and Spelling and Grammar website respectively, with many games and practice tools.

Important information

PE

Our PE days are:

It is very important that children have the correct PE kit in school, consisting of a white t shirt, black/blue shorts and plimsoles/trainers. As the weather gets colder, children are allowed to bring in black/blue jogging bottoms and a black/blue jumper to wear outside. PE is a compulsory part of the curriculum. Since our curriculum is flexible, it is essential that your child has their kit in school **every single day**.

Early Start & Learning Toolkits

Year 4 pupils are invited to arrive at school from **8.45am** in order to organise themselves and start their day with a thought provoking question. All children have been issued with a 'Learning Toolkit'. Children do not need to bring stationary from home as all children will have the resources necessary at school.

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WEST THORNTON PRIMARY ACADEMY

Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term



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Autumn Term

The autumn term starts with a real focus on what makes a great learner and why our logo has the neurons on it. Children will be checking what a growth mindset looks like and shall be encouraged to recognize failure as the first part of the learning process.

From here the focus turns to three main parts of our curriculum. The Wonderful Romans is the first project for our children this year and we shall be focusing on the actions of Roman soldiers, the history behind what the Romans brought to Britain and the major advances they made in engineering and design.

In Maths for the start of the year, we will be looking at: place value up to the thousands; measurement, including the understanding of perimeter and area; and the use of the four basic operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

In our writing we shall be writing a letter home from a Roman Soldier fighting in Britain. We shall be practicing our spelling and focusing on presentation and the use of fronted adverbials. We will also be touching on the use of suffixes and prefixes and how a strong knowledge of these can improve spelling throughout our work. We will also be working on changing our sentence structures to make our writing more exciting and to keep the reader interested.

After the half term our topic shall change to 'Boy Overboard'. A book about a boy looking to leave his country to escape an oppressive regime and the journey he has to take to do that.

All of the children have helped to create a Year Group Charter that helps identify the behaviours

expected when in the school and learning. As a year group we have five main points.

1. We will always try and be a responsible learner.
2. We will be proud of every piece of learning
3. We will always listen when someone is speaking and respect their opinion.
4. We will always be safe.
5. We will always respect the resources and the learning zone.

These will always be reflected on in the zone and become the minimum expectation of every pupil, adult and visitor in the learning zone.

As part of this year's increased focus on being a 'Healthy School', there are a couple of things we would like to draw your attention to. Firstly, as a Healthy School we must ensure all children who bring in a snack for break time are bringing in a healthy snack. This can be fruit or a cereal bar but can not be a packet of crisps. Secondly, the school policy states that children can not bring in gifts or treats to celebrate a birthday, i.e. cake or sweets.

Over the years this policy has not been enforced, however, at the start of a new year and with the whole school now being in learning zones it has been decided that children can not bring chocolates to be shared with a class for a birthday any more. We hope you understand why these two things have been highlighted.

We also ask that you find ten to fifteen minutes to read with your child every night. We understand that this time can be difficult to find but the difference it can make to a child is huge and the benefits can be seen across the whole curriculum. The child can then sign off their Reading Record for that day. Thank you for your support with this.

Dates for your diary

Parents Evening

Thursday 15th November

Michael Rosen Visit

10th October 2018

Inset Day

19th October 2018

Half term (TWO WEEKS)

22nd October–2nd November 2018

Break up for Winter Break

Friday 21st December 2018



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