

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

Learning multiplication is an important foundation for learning different aspects of mathematics such as division, algebra, long multiplication, and even fractions. Please take time to support your child in learning their timetables.

Blogging

Our Blogging Website has had an enormous impact on the children's writing over the past few years; 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!

<http://westthorntonblogs.net/>

Google Classroom

This year we will be using Google Classroom. It is a safe online space that is only accessible for the pupils in the year. We will be sharing videos and links to help pupils with their learning at home. Children will also be able to compete assignments using it. It's also great for you to see what your child is learning at school and how you can help them at home. Please don't hesitate to come in and ask us any questions!

Important information

PE

Our PE days are:

Tuesday & Wednesday

It is very important that children have the correct PE kit in school, consisting of a white t-shirt, black or navy shorts and plimsols/trainers. As the weather gets colder, children are allowed to bring in jogging bottoms and a jumper to wear outside. PE is an important part of the curriculum. Please ensure your child has their kit every day as these days are flexible.

Early Start & Learning Toolkits

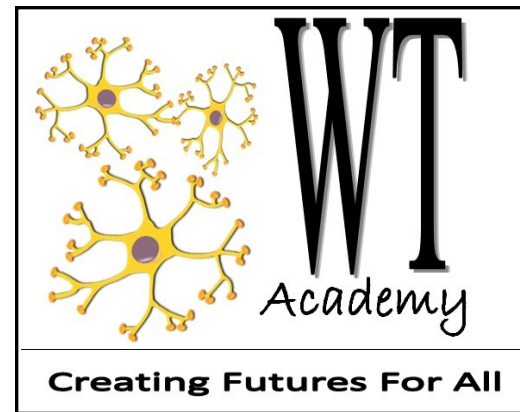
Just to remind you that Year 5 pupils are invited to arrive at school from **8.45am** in order to organise themselves and engage in some problem solving activities. All children have been issued with a 'Learning Toolkit' which is a bag containing essential items for learning such as a pencil, whiteboard pen, rubber and sharpener. Your child's usernames and passwords will also be stored in these toolkits. They can bring in their own equipment from home but this must be kept in their toolkit and not in their own pencil cases. Children take responsibility for their own equipment if they choose to bring it in.

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WEST THORNTON PRIMARY ACADEMY

Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term



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Autumn Term

Welcome back to a brand new school year which has kicked off to a flying start. We look forward to working with you during the academic year. Shortly, we will be inviting you in to visit the Year 5 learning zone.



The learning zone is a child centered area which promotes independent learning incorporating cutting edge ICT. Children are encouraged to struggle and embrace it as part of their learning journey.

The children will work similarly to how they did in Year 4. The children will continue to work on independent tasks from our 'Big Wall of Questions' which will be thought provoking questions and result in the children presenting their work in a variety of ways. Children will also work in focus groups with a teacher where they will learn new skills or work on developing existing skills.

We have started the year with a whole school pause focusing on growth mindset. In this topic the children are being taught about why we have neurons on our logo and the importance of using our learning powers with a growth mindset to be able to succeed. We want children to understand that failure is an important part of learning.



Our first Year 5 topic this year is 'Am I a Brainiac?'. The children will explore science through investigations and experiments and will create a presentation which will be viewed in our Science Fair towards the end of the topic. During this topic our literacy will be based around instructional writing,

explanations and reports linked to the science explored.



Numeracy will run alongside all of our topics. This half term we will be focusing on place value. Children will learn how to read, write, order and compare numbers up to at least one million. They will be able to determine the value of each digit. We will also be working on the children's ability to round any number to the nearest 10,100,1000...up to 1,000,000. We will be revising addition and subtraction with numbers with more than 4 digits and develop their ability to solve multi-step problems.

Reading is a hugely important part of your child's learning and therefore it is imperative that we are encouraging them to read for a minimum of 15 minutes every day. Having conversations about what they're reading is even more valuable to developing their comprehensive skills.



We will also be working with your children to ensure that they are using technology safely and appropriately. We will work with you to make sure your child knows how to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly, also making sure that your child knows appropriate ways to report concerns and inappropriate behavior. The misuse of school technology will not be tolerated and will be dealt with in line with the school's behavior policy.

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

Thank you for your continuing support.

Dates for your diary

Parents Evening

15th November 2018

Science Museum Trip

4th October 2018

Parent Workshop

Date to be confirmed



INSET Staff Training Day

Friday 19th October 2018

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 22nd Oct – Friday 2nd Nov 2018

School Opens

Monday 5th October 2018

INSET Staff Training Day

Monday 30th October 2017



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