

Curriculum Learning

Over the next half term your children will be working hard to achieve new learning targets. I hope they have an enjoyable time in the classroom and you enjoy seeing your child work with enthusiasm. I have high expectations for each child and would like to work in partnership with parents and carers. So, if you have any comments about your child's learning, please get in touch.

English

Phonics and Spelling

This half term I will start by checking your child has remembered the phase 2, 3, 4 and 5 phonemes. We will also be having a spelling test to check everyone can spell the tricky words in each phase. If your child did not pass the phonic screening check in Year 1 then they will receive extra phonics support. Each child will be taught differentiated phonics and spelling daily through games and learning activities. We will then focus on the phase 6 spelling words beginning with different homophones e.g. sea / see.

Reading

Using the assessments from July, I will decide on the colour book band for each child. They are asked to read a variety of poetry, non-fiction and story books and this could be from class, home or library books. Children will be grouped for weekly guided reading sessions. During the initial guided reading sessions, I will listen to every child read individually to gain a clearer understanding of their comprehension. Every child will have a list of year 1 and 2 keywords sent home to practise reading and spelling. Your child should be reading for at least 20 minutes every day and I would like you to record their reading in at least 3 times a week. Your child may wish to add a comment themselves too.

Writing

We will begin by linking our English to our topic on 'Toys', by reading and then acting out stories with toy characters. The children will be drawing story maps and writing their own story. It is important children can tell a story before they begin to write so please encourage your children to orally retell stories at home. We will then learn how to tell, read and write instructions. We will be following different instructions to make toys, including those from history. We will be continuing to practise writing in joined cursive handwriting.

Mathematics

This half term we will continue having daily mental maths sessions where we will be focusing on:

- being able to recognise, read and write numbers to 100 and beyond.
- understanding numbers and how many hundreds, tens and units are in each number.

- recalling adding and subtracting facts to 20
- counting in steps of 2,3,5,10
- counting in 10s from any number to 100 (forwards and backwards)

This year we are using the Singapore maths scheme and will begin with place values of number, before moving onto addition and subtraction. There will be a focus on being able to apply knowledge and number facts. I will be linking the reasoning and word problems to the topic and making them meaningful wherever possible.

Religious Education

We will be reflecting on the teachings of Jesus from the bible and considering what we can learn from them. We will also be learning about the Christian creation story and how Christians believe God is the creator of all things, linked to our Harvest Service. Miss Wilcox will be teaching RE on Thursday afternoons.

Science

We will be linking our toys and games topic to our Science. We will be finding out:

- how to sort toys based on what they are made out of
- what materials are best for making a toy to race in the river
- about pushes and pulls, and how things move

Your child will decide if their investigation was fair and record their findings in a table and diagrams.

Computing

Your child will learn to create pictures of toys using the 'Dazzle' graphics program. They will learn to select different tools and correct their work when needed. We will also be practising typing on a keyboard and using the 'shift' key to write our name with a capital letter. The children will be learning to save their work to a folder and print their finished pictures.

Topic

Our topic is 'Toys and Games', which will start with a parcel from a toy in space!! Later in the term, we hope to be visiting a toy museum.

In History we will be focusing on learning about:

- toys and games from the past
- how to decide if a toy is new or old
- how to create our own toy museum

In Design and Technology we will be focusing on:

- 'magic' toys that fool our eyes
- designing and making our own toy
- designing and making our own levers

Music

During the first half of the Autumn term, the class will be following a music unit of work on "Toys" linking with their class topic. The unit explores the music dimensions of dynamics and tempo. They will be developing their understanding by learning a themed song and adding actions, listening to music, and by creating sounds for a piece of toy music. Mrs Cockcroft will be teaching music on Thursday afternoons.

PE

The children will be developing their understanding of core PE skills using the Creative play programme. They will be developing their balance, agility and co-ordination using different equipment. Your child will need a named kit, shorts, T-shirt and suitable footwear. We will be going outside for Games so your child will need outdoor footwear and tracksuit bottoms/leggings.

PSHE

We will be working together and sharing ideas of how we would like our class to behave towards each other, including myself! We will also be developing our understanding of the core learning values, including respect for everyone and everything.

Core Learning Values

We are learning about the skills we need to be independent, work together, be a critical and creative thinker and be reflective in our learning. You are welcome to come in and spend time in the classroom if you would like an insight into your child's learning.

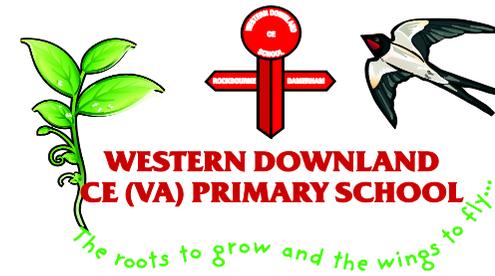
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Home Learning

Reading Records will be collected in every **Thursday**. Homework will be given out on **Fridays** to be collected back in on the following **Wednesday**. Please talk with your child about the toys and games that you used to play with when you were growing up. Later this term, if you still have examples of these toys, we would love you to come and visit the class to talk about them.

Dates for your diary:

- Welcome to Year 2-Monday 12th September 3.15 - Year 2 classroom
- Harvest Festival - Friday 30th September 9.45a.m. at St George's, Damerham
- Parent Consultations Tuesday 4th October and Thursday 6th October
- Friends school uniform shop - Tuesday 13th September 3.15pm at Rockbourne and Tuesday 20th September 3pm at Damerham
- Friends meeting at The Compasses 7.30pm.



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