

Curriculum subjects

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 like to work in partnership with parents.

Phonics and Spelling

This half term we will embark on learning new phonemes in Phases 4 and 5. We will also review all phonemes learnt in Phases 2 and 3. The children will be taught four times a week and will focus on learning differentiated phonics and spelling using our new sounds.

Reading

Please continue to listen to your child read for 15 minutes daily and log this in their reading record at least 3 times a week.

Children will be grouped for weekly guided reading sessions during which they will focus on phonic decoding with new sounds. We will also look at different types of text – fiction and non-fiction.

Writing

The children will write about their favourite toy in topic sessions and make labels for our toy museum. The children will continue handwriting sessions, now learning 'lead ins' to aid their cursive writing. We will be working on sentence formation.

Maths

This half term we will be focussing on place value in our maths lessons. We will also have daily 'mental maths' sessions looking at recall of number bonds, shape and fractions.

Religious Education

We will be exploring the key question 'Does God want Christians to look after the world?'. Children will look at the creation story from the Bible and consider ways in which we can care and look after our world.

Computing

The children will begin to use laptops in a variety of subject areas, for example during reading workshop or maths sessions. We will be using the iPad to take photos and videos of our learning.

Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Toys'. We will be receiving a special package from outer space as our topic hook. The children will be investigating toys from the past and having a go at making their own toys and games.

Music

This half term the class will be learning about timbre in music by exploring the different families of school percussion instruments & recognising their different sounds. The class will be learning the 'Toys song' and will also be playing listening and responding activities and playing instruments focusing on understanding loud, quiet and silence (dynamics) in music.

PE

The children will be continuing to develop their fine and gross motor skills. We will be trying different sports including team games, dance and gymnastics. Your child will need a named kit and suitable footwear.

SEAL/PSHE

The focus this half term is on friendship. We will look at how we can be good friends both in and out of the classroom.

Home Learning

Please read with your child for 15 minutes daily and record this at least 3 times a week in their reading record. Children will be given spellings and key words to learn each week. Learning these spellings will help the fluency of the children's writing. I will also be sending home handwriting sheets. Homework will be given on Fridays.

Core Learning Values

We are learning to think about the skills we need to be independent, work together, be a critical and creative thinker and be reflective in our learning.

Dates for your diary:

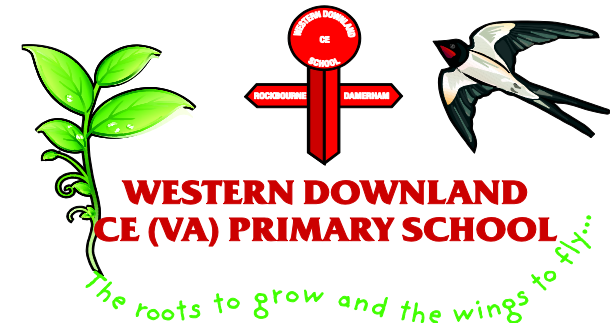
Welcome to Year 1-Monday 12th September 3.15 - Year 1 classroom

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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Curriculum Newsletter

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