



Welcome to Westminster Class!

Autumn Term 1

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back to a brand-new year at our school and into your new class – Westminster! It has been very different this year so far but it will be lovely to finally have everyone back in school! We hope that you have all had a lovely summer holidays and have managed to enjoy the glorious weather. Please find below all relevant information that you will need for this term.

Timings

The KS1 gate will open at 8.35am for an 8.45am start for the Year 2 children and the KS2 gate will be open at the same times, there will be an adult to collect the children from both of the playgrounds. You will bring your child onto the playground and they will line up when the bell goes at 8.55. If you have a message for the teacher please send this via dojo or tell the teacher on duty before 8.55. At 3.15pm the Year 2 children will be collected from the double doors just next to Westminster class and the Year 3 children will be collected from the KS2 playground. Year 3 parents, please ensure that you make yourselves apparent to the adult who is handing over your child.

What to Bring

Your child will need to bring in a water bottle, book bag and lunch bag (if required) daily. When we have given your child their reading record and reading books, they will also need to bring these in daily so that we can check that they have read at home and we will hear your child read at least once a week in school.

P.E

There is a change to this as P.E will now take place every week on **Tuesday** morning. Please send your child to school in their PE with their uniform in a separate bag. All of your child's PE kit must be named. The P.E kit should be appropriate for indoor and outdoor P.E and should consist of a white t-shirt and black shorts and pumps.

Our first PE session will take place on the second week back – Tuesday 10th September. Please ensure that your child wears their PE kit to school for this day. Your child's PE kit will remain in school until half term.

Reading

Year 2 children will bring home sharing books that they will choose every Monday and Wednesday and will be changed when children's reading diaries are signed. Year 2 children will carry on with the Little Wandle reading scheme for the first term and will then be assessed to move onto Fluency books if appropriate. Year 3 children will be assessed using our Accelerated Reading scheme in the first week back and will then be able to choose their reading books from our library.

Homework and Spellings

The Year 2 children will receive one piece of Mathematics or one of English/phonics homework each week, which will alternate. Year 3 children will receive one piece of Mathematics and one piece of English homework, these will be given out each Friday in the homework folder and is expected back in school on the following Thursday. Year 3 children will have spellings sent home every Friday and will be tested the following Friday on those spellings.

Curriculum

History

In History this term our topic is 'Marvellous Me' where the children will learn all about how we change as we grow up, looking at our own personal timelines and comparing the things the children have access to in their lives, such as their toys, to the toys of the past.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about the human body and our 5 senses. The children will explore what each sense does, how it works and why our senses are important. We will also be looking at the human skeleton and the names of some of the bones.

Please do not hesitate to message me via Class Dojo with any questions you may have.

Many thanks,

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