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Westminster!

Spring 2023 Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to 2023! I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas holiday and a relaxing break. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about some of the Westminster routines and the changes taking place.

Your Westminster team will stay the same. Myself (Mrs Done) will be teaching on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Ager on a Thursday and Friday. Please direct dojo messages to the correct teacher in case something is missed. If you are unsure then send to Mr Magee.

If you have any questions about reading can you please dojo Mr Magee directly. We do our best to get the children to take AR tests and change their book as is required however this is not always possible due to staffing constraints – thank you for your understanding.

The KS1 gate will open at **8.35am for a 8.45am start**. Please bring your child through the gate and leave them on the playground. The bell will be rung at 8.45am and the children will come into school to **start learning immediately**. Please note if you are regularly late the children will miss a significant amount of learning which is difficult to get back. Collection time remains at 3:15.

P.E.

PE will take place every week on Monday. Please continue to send your child to school in uniform with their PE kit in a separate bag. All of your child's PE kit must be named. The P.E kit should be appropriate for indoor P.E and should consist of a white t-shirt, black shorts and pumps.

Our first PE session will take place during the 2nd week – Monday 9th January, you can send your child's PE kit in as soon as you like and this will then stay on their peg.



Reading and Phonics

Reading will continue as it did before Christmas. It is really important that you let us know when your child has read at home or has finished their book. Please use the home school reading records for this and ensure that it is in school every day. Dojo points are awarded for daily reading and AR tests, but only if the home school record is signed. We aim to change books as regularly as possible.

Curriculum

This term we will be focusing our learning around the theme 'Space – To infinity and Beyond.' What is Space travel? How do you get to Space and how long does it take? Why is it necessary? Who was the first person on the Moon? And much more. In English, we will be exploring stories all about Space e.g. Bob, The Man on the Moon, Baboon on the Moon (VL), Beegu and Look Up. In science we will be learning about materials. In RE will be looking at Jesus' Teachings and in PSE we will be learning all about diversity.

Homework & Spelling

The children will receive one piece of Mathematics or one of English/phonics homework each week, as appropriate. Homework will be given out each Wednesday in the homework folder and is expected back in school on the following Wednesday. They will also receive a set of spellings which they should spend the week practicing. The spelling test will take part on a Monday. The terms spellings will be on dojo if you would like to know what they are ahead of time.

Reminders

Please make sure the children are **not bringing toys to school**. We will be clamping down on this and asking parent to take them home with them or putting them in the cupboard until the end of the day. As the weather may get colder can you please make sure the children have coat, hats and gloves (as required) which are named.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child, please feel free to come and see me or, alternatively, send me a message on ClassDojo. The door is always open so please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
Mrs Done, Mrs Ager and Mr Magee