

## Welcome to Westminster Class!

### Spring Term 1

Dear Parent/Carers,

We hope that you and your child/children have all had a relaxing Christmas break and we hope that your child/children are looing forward to the exciting term ahead.

#### Timings

The day will continue as normal with 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 8.40. If you have a message for the teacher please send this via dojo or tell the teacher on duty before 8.40. 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, plus award them their important dojo points, and we will hear your child read at least once a week in school.

#### P.E

P.E. will continue to be on a **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.

#### 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 'To Infinity and Beyond' where the children will learn about the history of air travel and then moving onto the history of space travel, training to become an astronaut and living in space. This is further enhanced by our visit on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January from the planetarium, where the children will have a chance to immerse themselves further into space.



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#### Science

In Science, we will be learning about electricity. The children will be investigating the difference between mains electricity and battery power, exploring circuits, conductors, insulators, switches and renewable and non-renewable energy.

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

Mrs Lacey, Mrs Kemp and Mrs Pick