

West Pennard Church of England Primary School

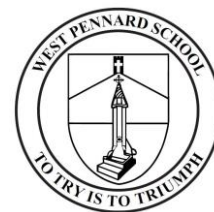


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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the Christmas holidays and Happy New Year to you and your families!

Here is some useful information concerning arrangements for this term:

Homework and Reading

Home Learning and Spelling homework will begin this week and continue as last term. Spellings will include Year 2 'exception words' this term, a copy of which is attached.

Please keep reading books and records in your child's book bags at all times.

Please also check book bags daily for letters.

Enrichment

For the first half of the Spring term, the children will have an Enrichment afternoon every Thursday. After the half term holiday, this will change to Thursday mornings. This is a change from the fortnightly whole day of Enrichment activities of last term.

One benefit is that we shall be able to check reading books every day, so please ensure that book bags come into school on Thursdays too.

Y2 Curriculum

The attached sheet gives an overview of the topic work that we will cover over the course of this term (Transport).

We hope to visit the Haynes Motor and Fleet Air Arm Museums this term to support our learning about the history of the motor car and flight. The dates for these visits are yet to be confirmed. If you would like to assist on either trip and have appropriate DBS clearance (check with office), please let me know. Although we have a limited number of places for adult volunteers, we are grateful for all offers of help.

In English, we will be exploring 'Emily Brown' stories, responding to them and writing our own versions. In reading, we will focus on retrieval of information and answering more complex comprehension questions about a range of texts, using inference and making explanations at greater depth.

In Mathematics, we will focus on money, shapes and fractions. We will continue to use and apply strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division in a range of contexts, including problem solving and reasoning.

During the Spring term we will also focus on developing speaking and listening skills. Therefore, we will be asking each child in the class to prepare a short presentation (10 mins). This could include the recital of a poem or a short presentation on a subject of their choice (like a 'show and tell' but with more focus on presenting their chosen topic well). Any props can be used and the children could have access to a flipchart and whiteboard if they so wish. This is not competitive, but will be a chance for your child to talk about something which is important to them, e.g. a hobby or an interest. A timetable will follow shortly. If you have any questions or queries about this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

PE



As we not swimming this term, the children will enjoy more PE sessions in school (initially on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday). Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school every day so that they are prepared for both indoor and outdoor PE sessions. Daps are required for indoor activities, while trainers and warm jogging bottoms are advisable to allow for colder weather conditions.

If there are any changes to your child's medical condition that you wish me to know about please write me a note.

Finally, some key days to remember –

Monday – Spelling test.

Tuesday – Spellings set.

Wednesday – Maths home learning to be handed in and set.

P.E kits required at **all times**.

Miss Harding and I are looking forward to another busy, productive and enjoyable time with your children this term.

Thank you for all your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns.

Kind Regards,

Alison Warner