

West Pennard Church of England Primary School

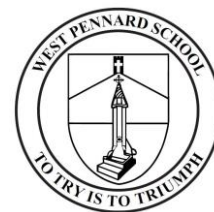


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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the Spring term. I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas and that your children are feeling enthusiastic about the term ahead. The aim of this letter is to give you valuable information about the Year 5 curriculum, homework and dates of importance.

PE

Our PE sessions will be every Thursday, with swimming lessons every Friday. However, the children are already aware that they need to have a complete PE kit in school at all times.

Homework

The homework timetable	Given out	Returned/Tested
Numeracy	Monday	Following Monday
Homework club	Tuesday/Wednesday 8.30-8.50am	
Spellings, punctuation and grammar	Tuesday	Following Tuesday
Reading	On-going	
Topic	Motte and Bailey castle designs	During the term

Homework is designed to reinforce skills learned and practised in school the previous week. Please let me know if your child is having difficulty with homework or if it is causing anxiety for any reason. It is advisable to look at your child's numeracy homework with them on the Monday, in case they need further support back at school on the Tuesday or Wednesday in our homework club. In addition to learning spellings, the children will be expected to use these in well punctuated sentences. Each week there will continue to be a particular grammar focus. The children have been given a bookmark which has helpful questions you can ask, when hearing them read. This will encourage their progress with



reading comprehension as well as word recognition and an understanding of the difference between literal and inferential questions.

This term the children will also be set the D&T challenge of creating a Motte and Bailey castle as part of our history topic on the Normans. We will be hosting our Squash and Biscuits on Friday 16th March. The theme will be the Normans so it might be a good plan to make use of their Motte and Bailey castles in some way! We are hoping to book a visit to Glastonbury Abbey; more details to follow nearer the time.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your on-going support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Emily Bridson