

West Pennard Church of England Primary School

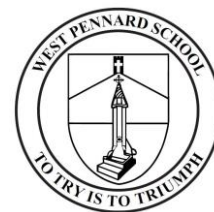


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Dear Parents,

We would like to take this opportunity to say how delighted we both are to see the class settling into their new routine and how well the children have coped with all the necessary changes we have made as a school to ensure everyone's safety and emotional wellbeing. It is a pleasure to see them establishing themselves as they begin their learning journey with us at West Pennard.

It is important as a parent that you feel involved in your child's learning. This letter aims to provide some useful information about the term ahead.

Our autumn term topic is 'Myself and My Family'. We will be talking about our families, our feelings and our likes and dislikes. We will think about how we grow and develop, learning about parts of the body and how to keep our bodies healthy. We feel this is a perfect opportunity for the children to share their special time during lockdown and we will welcome photos of this time sent to the school via email, but will send a separate letter regarding this at a later date.

We have included a key skills document with this letter. This highlights the areas of development we will be focussing on during the autumn term, with a particular focus on Personal, Social and Emotional Development in the first few weeks.

We will begin our Wednesday welly walks next week so please ensure your child has a named pair of wellington boots in school.

Your child will also bring home a 'pupil planner'. You are welcome to use the planner to write short messages or comments, however, if you have any worries, concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office via email or phone call and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

Shortly, we will be introducing the children and parents to the reading scheme we follow. There will be a possibility for your children to be allocated books to be sent home and/or electronic books via an individual login. More information on this will follow shortly.

To help us build up a record of your child's experiences and progress during their time in our reception class, we use Tapestry. Tapestry is a secure online Learning Journal where we record observations, photographs and comments, in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. During the coming weeks we aim to set up a parent share option, which will allow you to view your child's learning journal and to make comments and contributions. We will also send letters home for you to sign to agree to the school recording your child's learning.

Many Thanks,



Mrs Amy Fowler and Mrs Caroline Free