

West Pennard Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is lovely to see all the children back in school and a Happy New Year to everyone! We are very pleased to welcome you back to a busy spring term ahead at West Pennard.

During this term our theme is 'Houses and Homes'. Throughout this term the children will be learning about homes around the world and exploring different materials during our science investigations. We will be making 3D models and talking about similarities and differences in houses and buildings in our local environment.

Our weekly routine will stay the same. Welly Walk/Forest School will continue on a Wednesday, so please ensure that your child has a clearly named pair of wellington boots in school on that day. This term in Maths we will be learning to compare groups up to 10, learn to use a ten frame, revisit 3D shapes and introduce the part-whole model to 10.

We will be focussing on gymnastics skills during our P.E sessions, and we will have a sports coach in to teach some of our P.E sessions this term. We will need P.E kits in school every day.

We were delighted with the children's enthusiasm and progress in phonics last term. During the coming term we will be beginning to learn Phase 3 sounds and tricky words, as well as continuing to focus on blending and segmenting. This will help to support your child's progression and confidence in reading and writing.

We will continue to change books on a Monday and Thursday each week. Please write a comment in your child's planner each time you read at home. Library books will be changed on a Wednesday, please ensure your child returns their Library book in their book bag, every Wednesday, so they can choose a different book each week.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your Christmas gifts, cards and wishes, we were quite overwhelmed.

We are all looking forward to the coming term, and as always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any worries or concerns.

Many Thanks,



Mrs Amy Fowler and Mrs Caroline Free