



WEST BOROUGH

YEAR 2 PARENT INFORMATION



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Damson Class Adults:

Mrs Everest- Class Teacher
Mrs Edinburgh - Class Teacher (Thursday)
Miss Salisbury-TA
Mrs Warner– LSA (pm)

Ebony Class Adults:

Mrs Wellbelove – Class Teacher (Monday -Thursday)
Mrs Edinburgh – Class Teacher (Friday)
Mrs Skinner – TA
Mrs Warner– LSA (pm)

Elm Class Adults:

Mrs Wheaton—Class Teacher (Monday -Thursday)
Mrs Hussey– Class Teacher (Friday)
Mrs Tarran – TA
Mrs Warner— LSA (pm)

Pinetum Team Leader of Learning is:

Mrs Everest (Years 1 and 2)

The topics for the year:

- Term 1 – All creatures great and small
- Term 2 – Celebrations
- Term 3 – Vehicles
- Term 4 – The Owl and the Pussy Cat
- Term 5 – The Great Fire of London
- Term 6 – We do like to be beside the seaside

In Year 2 children will be completing the National Curriculum Assessments in May. (SATs) We will keep you updated with information on this.

At West Borough we embrace a cross-curricular approach. We use 3 main books for recording our learning:

- ◆ My English Journey
- ◆ My Learning Journey
- ◆ My Maths Journey

We look forward to sharing our learning with you at The Learning Conferences (TLCs).

Talent Assemblies

We are very lucky at West Borough Primary School to have children who are talented in a variety of areas; from karate to singing from playing a musical instrument to ballet dancing. This year we would like to celebrate these talents in our team assemblies. Please keep your class teacher updated with any hobbies and interests your children take part and achieve in - they may even like to perform and share their talent in front of their peers!

We look forward to seeing some exciting talents.



Home Learning

Reading: The children should be reading to an adult every day. The children have all been given a new home Reading Record book. The children will need to bring their books in everyday we will aim to change the books, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please record all reading, including library books, information books linked to a hobby or interest etc. Please sign the reading record book every time your child reads. Class teachers will speak to parents individually in circumstances when home reading is not completed regularly.

Spellings: These are linked to the children's daily phonics sessions and are tested on a Friday. Best results are achieved with a 'little and often' approach throughout the week to practise spellings. These should be practised regularly at home. We have a year 2 word list that children are expected to know by the end of the year. These will be added to spelling lists throughout the year.

Home Learning Topic Web: At the start of each new term the children will be given a topic web. This will have a selection of tasks to complete during the term. The expectation will be that a task will be completed weekly and handed in on a **Thursday**. The choice of task to be completed that week will be up to the child. They will be shared weekly on a Friday and given verbal feedback along with 1, 2 or 3 house points. Points are given out focussing mainly on effort and according to the expectations of the individual child. There will be a home learning award in our Pinetum Team assembly and a gallery of home learning will be photographed and shared on the school website.

Maths: Timestables: It is also an expectation that children in Year 2 know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Children will begin to be tested as part of the 'Rockstar Maths' award in which certificates are awarded for continued high achievement. We will begin with learning/revisiting number bonds to 10, 20 and 100. Times tables should be practiced regularly at home. Children can also practise via Timestable Rockstars at home. A reminder of their login will come home with them.

Buster's Book Club: We will be continuing Buster's Reading incentive scheme this year. Children will receive a new bookmark very soon. Please record the number of minutes that they have read on a Wednesday evening ready for data collection on a Thursday. If your child has exceeded their target minutes please record this on the bookmark too. We will then collect the data and awards will be given out in Friday Assembly. This includes badges, class trophies and tickets to attractions such as Leeds Castle.

These are the targets in each year group:

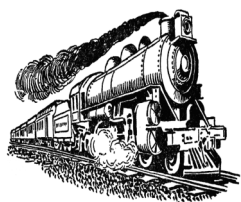
Year 1	10 minutes per night
Year 2	15 minutes per night
Year 4, 5 & 6	20 minutes per night

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Trips and Learning Days

Year 2 have the opportunity for lots of wonderful experiences to help their learning. We have included costs where possible. Paying by instalments can be set up with the office. If you are able to help out on any of the trips please let us know.



Summer trip: Whole day visit
TBC – Term 6 - Approx. £13.00

Home/School communication

A Year 2 member of staff will be on the door morning and afternoon. If you need a longer discussion or we are unable to talk due to teaching commitments, we will arrange an appointment with you.

You may also receive phone calls home to discuss children's learning or behaviour as appropriate.

Could you also ensure that if a different adult is collecting your child that the office has been notified by 2.30pm and the adult is aware of the secure password.

The home contact book /reading record book is also an excellent way to pass on quick messages.

Learning

Methods of teaching (specifically Maths and English) are quite different to how we were taught! We will endeavour to use the website as a source of information. At The Learning Conferences (TLCs) there will be copies of the calculations policy available.

Class assemblies:

Damson– Term 1 16.10.19

Ebony - Term 6

Elm - Term 4 31.03.20

Year ahead...

We are looking forward to an amazing learning experience with these wonderful classes. We also hope to see many of you over the course of the year at TLCs, class assemblies and other events. Thank you for your continued support.

PE:

Damson Class: Monday and Thursday

Ebony class: Tuesday and Thursday

Elm class: Monday and Thursday

PE kit must be worn. Please ensure your child has warm tracksuit bottoms and jumper for outdoor PE in colder weather.

Earrings must not be worn or please cover them for PE days.

Uniform:

All children are expected to follow the school's guidelines for wearing appropriate school uniform. Also, water only is to be provided in bottles.

Save the Date

In **MAY 2020** the children will be taking part in their KSI National Curriculum Assessments.

There will be a meeting for any questions you may have in March 2020.

School Priorities for 2019-20

Every year, the school produces an Improvement Plan that lays out what it hopes to achieve during the coming terms. This is approved by Governors who monitor the impact of any improvements.

Once again, our end of Key Stage results are very strong and we are achieving above National standards in the vast majority of subjects at every Key Stage, EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. This is a testament to all the hard work of our pupils and the staff, supported by you at home.

Last year our focus included enhancing subjects beyond English and Maths, to ensure we provide a broad and balanced curriculum that is rich and engaging. This was enhanced by many events, including our Arts Week and Language Fair. We hope to include many more events like these this year. Reading was another focus and again we have seen greater numbers of children engaging in reading both in the classroom and beyond, and end of Key Stage results validate this.

This year we will have a focus on Writing with a mastery approach. This follows on from our successful Maths Mastery teaching. This ensures children have mastered a writing skill before moving on to the next stage. More information will become available as we go through the year. We shall also be developing the children as global citizens, ensuring they have a growing understanding of the current issues affecting the world we live in. Finally, we have an embedded assessment and reporting system across the school, however we would like to adapt these procedures this year. This will involve parents views to ensure we are providing you with the most relevant and accessible information about your child's progress and attainment throughout the year.

We shall update you on progress of our priorities as we go through the year.

Healthy School Packed Lunches

The majority of pupils in Year 1 & 2 have a school dinner as this is provided free of charge. If your child does have a packed lunch, please note the following. As a Healthy School, we ask that children have suitable items in their packed lunch box. We ask that they only have one of the following:

Crisps, biscuit, cereal bar, cheese string, Peperami, cake/cake bar, NO SWEETS.

Children are also only permitted to bring in water to drink with their lunch.

We look forward to working with your children and you!

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