

Westfields

JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a lovely Christmas, rested over the break and feel refreshed and ready for the new term. Although it has not started as we hoped it would, we have made adjustments and are delivering a remote curriculum certainly until February half term and we would like to assure you that our Year 3 learning is action-packed and as always there is an overview overleaf.

The year is flying past and the children have worked exceptionally hard to settle into their new school and we are certainly proud of their efforts across the curriculum; in particular, their learning of formal methods, experimenting with punctuation and their recall of key number facts have been a focus which has been very successful. As we are now looking forward to the Spring Term, we hope to develop further and embed these essential skills and knowledge (amongst others!) through our learning journeys. Of course, we would all rather be learning together in school but as the current circumstances do not allow this, we are all doing our best to make the remote provision as engaging and focused as possible. However, we do fully appreciate how difficult home learning is for some families and want to remind you that we are here to support you in any way we can. As such, please do not hesitate to message us on ClassDojo or if that is not possible via the school telephone number.

To be crystal clear, all pupils regardless of if they are remote learning at home or attending school cover the same content; this will support everyone's return to school by ensuring the children have covered the same curriculum. The Government has set the expectation of 4hrs of learning each day and we have added a guide for the duration of each lesson on the daily overview to help you.

Unfortunately, due to the current circumstances, there are a number of extended curriculum opportunities that we have had to cancel such as our much anticipated Westfields Has Talent. We are still maintaining as varied a curriculum as possible and are looking forward to our annual Internet Safety Day in February. We will also still have our Stone Age Creative Day on Thursday 25th February (either remotely if lockdown is extended, or in school if not) and we will send out a letter telling you all about our immersive learning nearer the time.

General reminders...

- **Reading** - As you know, reading is a vital life skill which supports the entire curriculum and we continue to encourage every child to note their reading in their records and continue to read with an adult at home ideally daily.
- **Spelling** - Learning our weekly spellings is important as it positively impacts the children's writing across the curriculum. If your child has misplaced their spelling booklet, alternatively spelling lists can be found on the school website on our year group page. Once again, we would appreciate your support in encouraging your child to practise these at home regularly.
- **TTRockstars & Numbots** - We appreciate your support to help your child learn their number bonds and times tables accurately and fluently as speed and accuracy are essential! You all have access to TTRockstars and Numbots, which are excellent educational games to practise and develop their skills.

As always, the children's happiness and wellbeing continues to be our priority, if you or they are struggling or experience any wobbles, please get in touch as soon as possible so we can offer our support as quickly as possible.

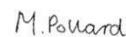
Kind regards,



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