

# Westfields

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We hope that you have had a lovely Christmas, the children have rested over the break and feel refreshed ready for the new term. Unbelievably, we are already a third of the way through Year 6 and our first term has certainly flown by! The Autumn term contained exciting and stimulating learning experiences including: our residential, exploring mountains and coasts, Bike Ability, writing and producing non-chronological reports on Publisher, designing and creating our own fruit tarts, problem solving and treasure hunting with number and calculation to name a few! The children have all worked hard and we are proud of their efforts in their use of formal methods, experimenting with punctuation, tackling of fractions and building suspense in their writing. But as we are now looking forward to the Spring Term, we hope that they continue to further develop and embed these key knowledge and skills.

Our new and interesting history topic this term focusses on World War II and we will begin this learning with our World War II Creative Day on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January** (as detailed in our letter before the Christmas break). Throughout the coming term, we will use this historical event to inspire our work across the curriculum. As part of this we will be immersing ourselves in a variety of activities such as: narrative writing, designing and making bomb shelters, historical newspaper reports and World War II inspired art! You can see a full overview of our areas of study overleaf on our topic web. 

We could not avoid mentioning that this term is particularly important for Year 6 as they prepare for their End of Key Stage Assessments which will take place in May. In order to answer any questions you may have in relation to the arrangements for preparing and administering these tests, we will be holding a briefing to provide key information so please do try to join us at **6.00pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January**.

### General Reminders:

- Reading with an adult – Although our children are generally fluent and accurate readers, opportunities to read with an adult remain important. Not only does this give our children the opportunity to develop their expression when reading out loud, it also provides an opportunity to ensure understanding through comprehension, reasoning skills by discussing vocabulary and answering questions about what they have read. If you are unsure about how you can support your child with this, feel free to chat to one of the Year 6 Team or take a look at the suggestions from our Autumn Term Reading Workshop that are on the school website.
- Spellings – Learning of weekly spellings is important as it has a positive impact on the children's writing across the curriculum. If your child has misplaced their spelling list, they are always on display in our classrooms or, alternatively, spelling lists can be found on the school website on our Year Group Pages. Once again we would appreciate your support in encouraging your child to practice these at home.
- Home Learning - As well as weekly spellings, reading and number facts, we will continue to send home weekly English and Maths home learning, set on a **Thursday** and due in the following **Tuesday**, as well as spellings and reading. If your child does not have a copy of their home learning, please visit the 'Pupils' tab on the Westfields Junior School website.
- PE kits – Due to the unpredictable British weather, please can all children have their PE kit in school throughout the week as this is an important, statutory element to our curriculum and although we do have set days for PE lessons these are subject to change. As temperatures remain chilly please also ensure that this includes plain black tracksuit bottoms and a black Westfields sweatshirt.

Finally, we would be delighted to welcome parents into school to read and work with individuals and small groups of children. If you are able to support in any way, please contact your child's class teacher as soon as possible. Thank you for your continuing support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Long

Year 6 Team Leader and Class Teacher

Mrs Parker

Year 6 Class Teacher

Miss Barrant

Year 6 Class Teacher

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