

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

## Key Stage 1 Autumn Newsletter

Thank you so much for a great start to the year. It is always lovely to have the children back in school excited to begin their learning. The children have already had a busy few days getting into the routines of Years 1 and 2 and we are so proud of how smart they look and those beaming smiles.

### We are Constructors!

We are really enjoying our Design and Technology based topic 'We are Constructors!'. Our Big Question is 'What can I build?'. The children are learning about materials, construction and recycling and will also be taking part in a bridge building challenge! We have linked our English work to our topic by learning some Traditional Tales. Year 1 will be using The Three Little Pigs and drama to retell the story, and Year 2 will be writing their own version of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. In Year 1, maths lessons we will be counting and sorting objects. In Year 2, maths we will be working on place value and understanding numbers. You can find activities to support maths at home every week on Marvellous Me.

### Class texts

We will be looking at the following texts this term to support our learning.



### Autumn 2

Our topic after half term is called 'Let's Celebrate!' and our Big Question will be 'How does the world celebrate?' This topic will include preparation for our winter performances so please make sure you have signed up to ParentPay to secure your tickets.

### Reading at home

We ask you to read three times a week with your child and comment in their Reading Record book. Reading books will be changed once a week and children are also allocated a selection of E-Books which can be accessed online. Our Phonics Information Session in October is a great way to find out more about reading at Westfield. A separate letter will be sent out about this. It would be fantastic to see you there.

## Marvellous Me

If you are not already signed up to Marvellous Me, please speak to your child's class teacher. Each week you will receive an update regarding Maths, English and Topic. Teachers will also send messages and badges to individual children to reward positive behaviours, celebrate successes and suggest ideas for activities you can do together at home. We hope that you will enjoy these with your child.

## Celebration Assemblies

We use our weekly assemblies to praise and celebrate the children's achievements in a variety of ways. Certificates are awarded to children who demonstrate the virtues of the school and do well in Numbots. It is also nice to celebrate children's achievements outside of school and we encourage children to tell us so we can also share it in assembly. We also use assemblies to remind children about the importance of good attendance.



## PE Days

Please see the chart below for your child's PE days:

1MM	Monday (a double session)
1WH	Monday and Thursday
1TI	Monday and Thursday
2CH	Thursday and Friday
2AL	Thursday and Friday

## How can I keep up to date with everything?

Please keep a look out for Marvellous Me notifications.

Letters and updates will be emailed and the website is regularly updated too. We're all available for a quick chat in the playground before and after school should you need to catch us; please do come and say hello.

## Key events

Phonics session on Tuesday 15th October and Wednesday 16th October  
Parents' Evening on 18th and 20th November  
Winter performances in December

There will be more information to follow for all of these events.

Thank you for your continued support and as ever, please do not hesitate to approach us with any questions.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Bootland (KS1 Lead) and the KS1 team.



Mrs Bootland Mr Ibbott

Mrs White

Mrs Hirst

Miss Marley

Mrs Hill

Miss Holmes

Miss Lackenby

***Please note that to protect our children the school gates are locked between the hours of 8.30am and 9.05am and 2.45pm and 3.30pm. If you are travelling to school by car during these times, please be aware that you could be locked in the school car park. Please find alternative parking outside the school gates, if required.***

