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Year 6 - Spring Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new term and Happy New Year to you all.

This term we are very excited about our residential in March. It's a great opportunity to learn skills that you can't learn in the classroom. It helps the children to put themselves in that stretch zone and have some amazing experiences as a result. It's also an opportunity for them to learn some independence and work on their organisational skills ahead of secondary school. There will be a parent information session held soon. More details on this to follow.

We have a very full timetable this term. In English, we are writing non-chronological reports, balanced arguments and we will be exploring dialogue in more depth. In Science, we are learning about animals including humans. In History, our enquiry question is "What was life like in Baghdad during the Golden Age of Islam?" the children will be using primary and secondary sources to explore and answer this question. Our Geography questions is: Why is Fair Trade fair? In Computing, we are learning about variables in games and spreadsheets. In RE, we will be exploring the question "Is anything ever eternal? And is Christianity still a strong religion 2000 years after Jesus was on Earth?" with a focus on discussion and sharing ideas to construct a point of view. In Art, we will continue with paint and drawing with an added focus on print and textiles. In DT we will be continuing with Chinese Inventions and moving onto exploring bird houses. Our French topics are "Planètes" and "le weekend" we will focus on speaking, listening, reading, and writing different phrases and sentences to describe our weekend and to describe the planets. In PE, we have indoor dance and gymnastics and outdoor netball and OAA (outdoor adventurous activity).

For the Spring term, Year 6 will have P.E. on Monday (Dance) and Tuesday (outside). On these days, please ensure your child is wearing the following to school:

- Blue t-shirt (with the Westfield logo)
- Black or navy shorts / joggers
- Blue jumper (Westfield hoodie, Westfield school jumper or cardigan)
- Trainers

There should not be any other coloured items being worn. Please also ensure that your child is not wearing any branded items with large logos on them. Thank you.

Homework continues to be set in the same format as last term. Spellings along with a task in both the English and Maths homework books will be set on a Friday, ready to be marked the following Wednesday. The 'suggested home learning' activities grid is also available for extra fun things to do at home, linked to our learning.



Reading

Please encourage your child to read every evening. Children should be given opportunities to talk about the plot, the reasons why characters behave as they do as well as identifying new vocabulary and understanding meanings of unknown words.

Please support us by reminding your children of road safety and that they should not be using their phones whilst walking. In addition to this, internet safety continues to be a cause for concern; therefore, we ask that you ensure your children understand appropriate online behaviours and are aware of what to do or who to talk to should they feel concerned or uncomfortable. Please ensure that you also closely monitor their safety online and that you are aware of the apps and websites that they are accessing and the friends they are connecting with online.

As we look forward to a busy term ahead, we would like to thank you for your continued support. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns by contacting the school office.

Kind Regards
Mrs Trinder and Mr Ogden

Key Dates for your diary:

Open Learning Morning (Parents Welcome) – Friday 2nd February
Young Voices Concert – Friday 2nd February
Feel Good Week – 5th to 9th February
Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 6th February
Class Assembly – Friday 9th February
Health Screening – Tuesday 13th February
Parents Evening – Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th February
Home Learning Celebration in class – Friday 16th February
Half Term – Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February
Lancaster Model Health Questionnaire – Wednesday 28th February
World Book Day – Thursday 7th March
RockSteady Concert – Friday 15th March
Residential to Osmington Bay – Monday 18th to Friday 22nd March
Home Learning Celebration in class – Wednesday 27th March
End of Term – Thursday 28th March at 1:30pm