

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope that you enjoyed the winter break and are looking forward to the Spring Term!

### **Our Curriculum**

Please see the attached curriculum overview map which outlines aspects of learning this term.

As a brief overview, our topic for the first half of the Spring Term is entitled, '**On the Move**'. We will be using stories and rhymes about transport to get us thinking about different types of transport, journeys, transport old and new and we'll also have some fun with maps!

The second half of the term our topic will be '**Food Glorious Food!**' We will be thinking about healthy eating and beginning to think about where some of food comes from. We will also be learning all about fruit bats.

**Phonics** We will continue with daily phonics following Phase 3 of the *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Scheme*.

**Maths** We will continue to follow the NCETM Mastering Number scheme for the Spring Term

### **PE/Art**

PE and Art this term will continue to be on **Wednesday afternoons**. Please send your child to school wearing jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers so that they can move easily in the lessons.

### **Home Learning**

#### **Phonics**

The children will continue to receive phonics homework on a Friday. This should be completed and returned to school by the following **Thursday**.

#### **Reading at Home**

It is **vital** that children are practising their **reading at home**. Please set aside 10 minutes for reading **every day** if possible. Regular reading of their books will help your child to build confidence, skills and fluency. New books are given out on a Friday. Please ensure that reading books and reading records are handed back on a **Thursday**. We have a limited number of books for each set of sounds and it makes the task of redistributing them extremely challenging if they are returned late or not at all.

The children will continue to be able to choose a picture story book regularly from the classroom library for you to read to them providing that they have returned their previous book.

### **General Expectations**

West Hampstead Primary School is a healthy school. Please provide a **healthy packed lunch** if your child has one. Your child should also bring in a **labelled water bottle**.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that school starts at **9 o'clock and it is very important to be on time**. Gates open at 8.50am. At the end of the day, gates for the Reception classes open at 3:20pm, please ensure that you are on time to collect your child and let the school know if there are any changes to collection arrangements for your child.

Thank you for your continued support. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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