



March 2023

Dear Y3 Parents and Carers,

We hope you enjoyed the Easter break. Here is some information to prepare you for the summer term.

Learning

In **English** we will be reading *The Frog Prince, Continued* by Jon Scieszka and writing our own fairytale stories. We will also be reading *Pebble in my Pocket* by Meredith Hooper and *Wolves* by Emily Gravett. We will use these texts to inspire a range of narrative outcomes.



In **Reading** the children will continue with whole-class reading lessons. We will be exploring a range of texts, including *When the Giant Stirred* by Celia Godkin, *Blue John* by Berlie Doherty, *A Rock is Lively* by Dianna Hutts Aston, *Anisha, Accidental Detective* by Serena Patel and *Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure* by Alex T Smith.

In **Maths** we are starting the term looking at fractions. Then we will move on to learn about multiplication and division, time and measures. Throughout the term, we will also continue to learn our times tables in depth. Please continue to work on these together at home too. The game <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> is a free and engaging recommended app.

Our **Science** topic will focus on rocks and soils. We will learn about the rock cycle and classify different types of rocks. After half term, we will move on to explore light and learn about how we see. The children will take part in lots of engaging experiments to see these topics in action.

We are starting a new **History** unit this term, learning all about Prehistoric Britain. We will be learning about how humans lived during the Stone Age, the Bronze Age and the Iron Age, particularly focusing on shelter, food and tools. We will also find out about important sites for archaeologists researching this period, including Skara Brae and Stonehenge. You can find out more about all of our school curriculum by visiting the [“Our Curriculum > Y1 to Y6 curriculum”](#) section on the new school website.

Home Learning

We will continue to send homework each Friday. The children will bring home:

- 10 spellings to practise at home
- Handwriting

Spelling Homework Set	Spelling Quiz
Friday	Friday



Your child also receives weekly maths homework on Mathletics. We encourage every child to aim to earn 1000 points each week, which is recognised by a certificate in achievement assembly on a Wednesday.

In addition to weekly homework, we expect all children to read for at least 15-20 minutes each day. Reading is a fundamental part of the children's development and it has a positive impact on comprehension skills, writing, maths and many other subjects. Children should complete their reading records to evidence the reading they have done and bring these to school every day. The children will also earn stickers on their bookmark every time they read which will result in certificates and even brand new books to keep!

Uniform and PE Lessons

Make-up and jewellery, with the exception of stud ear-rings and a watch are not allowed. All children are expected to wear full school uniform at all times. PE for Year 3 will be on a Friday. Children will need to come to school wearing a PE kit and a pair of trainers. Thames will continue to go swimming every Monday afternoon for the rest of the year.

Healthy School

West Hampstead Primary School is a healthy school. Please help us by providing a **healthy packed lunch**. You may also send in a **fruit portion** for children to eat at snack time. Your child should also bring in a **water bottle** every day. We will celebrate birthdays with a class birthday song and 'Happy Birthday' stickers. Please do not send in sweets or cake.

General Expectations

We would like to remind you that school and learning starts at **9:00**. The gates will be open at 8:50. The school day ends at 3:30.

We look forward to continuing working with both you and your children. If you should have any general questions regarding the term ahead, please do not hesitate to contact us through year3@westhampstead.camden.sch.uk

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