

# Lower Key Stage 2 Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2025







Hello and welcome back to another exciting year at Westmorland. Your teachers have worked extremely hard to plan amazing learning opportunities for your children to help them flourish and grow as they continue their educational journey. **Just a reminder, the school day begins at 8:45** and ends at **3:15**. Don't forget to visit our website on [www.westmorlandprimary.co.uk](http://www.westmorlandprimary.co.uk) to keep up to date with what is happening in school.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Finn  
Lower Key Stage 2 Leader

Office opening times are 8am until 3.30pm. It will not be staffed after this time and messages will need to be left on the schools answer phone after this time.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Staff</b></p> <p><b>Year 3</b> Teachers: Mr Finn and Miss Thomas LSAs: Mrs Walker, Miss Sampson, Mrs Waters HLTA- Miss Sidgwick</p> <p><b>Year 4</b> Teachers: Mrs Gray and Miss Ransom LSAs: Miss Sampson HLTA – Mrs Jackson, Mrs Sidgwick</p>	<p><b>Parent Pay</b></p> <p>We are a cashless school so you will need to activate your accounts if you haven't already done so. If you need an activation code then please come to the school office. School visits and dinner money now need to be paid using this.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>School Uniform</b></p> <p>Every child should be wearing the correct school uniform as well as sensible shoes (not boots). All <b>uniform needs to be named</b>, especially jumpers and PE kits!</p> <p>Only one piece of jewellery is allowed, this might be a standard <b>analogue/digital wrist watch</b>. Earrings must be stud earrings only (<b>which must be taken out or taped for PE</b>).</p> <p>Please tie your child's hair back to avoid the spread of head lice.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Important Dates (Autumn Term)</b></p> <p><b>Tues 9th Sept:</b> Year 3 Coffee Morning at 3pm</p> <p><b>Wed 10th Sept:</b> Year 4 Coffee Morning at 9am</p> <p><b>Thur 9<sup>th</sup> Oct:</b> Yr 3 Reading work shop 2:30pm</p> <p><b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Oct:</b> School closes for half term.</p> <p><b>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov:</b> School reopens</p> <p><b>Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Nov:</b> Yr 4 Reading work shop 2:30pm</p> <p><b>Fri 19th Dec:</b> School closes for Christmas Holiday</p> <p><b>Tue 6th Jan:</b> School reopens for Spring Term</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>

<p><b>Educational Visits</b> Our school intent is 'MORE'. Staff ensure that all children have memorable experiences, oracy skills, read more and have lots of experiences to immerse in and to consolidate their learning. School subsidise these activities and pay using different funds to keep cost as low as possible.</p> <p>All parents are asked to contribute to your child's trips. <b>We ask for £10 per term. This needs to be paid through Parent Pay by the half-term.</b> If the trip does not go ahead for any reason, you will be refunded. Please note that if we do not receive enough parental contributions <b>-THESE WILL BE CANCELLED.</b></p>	<p><b>Year 4 – Multiplication Tables Check</b> Year 4 children sit a national test to assess their times table knowledge. By Year 4, they are expected to know all their multiplication facts up to 12x12. They will be set 25 questions, and given 6 seconds per answer. Teachers will be in contact with you regarding your child's progress and children have access to TT Rockstars to help them practise at home.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Topics</b></p> <p><b>Year 3</b> <b>Autumn 1: Natural Disasters</b> Science – Rocks Geography – Natural Disasters Design and Technology – Levers and Linkages <b>Autumn 2: Stone Age</b> Science – Animals including humans History- Stone Age Art – Monet</p> <p><b>Year 4</b> <b>Autumn 1: Health</b> Science – Animals including Humans Geography- UK Geography Art- John Dilnot <b>Autumn 2: Romans</b> Science – Sound History – Romans DT- Healthy and varied diet</p> <p><b>Times Table Rock star/NumBots</b> Times tables sit at the heart of most maths lessons and it is important that your child knows them. Children are expected to complete 10 minutes every night that will be monitored in school. Your children know their username and passwords.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Belongings</b></p> <p>Your child should not bring toys and books into school unless their teacher has asked them to. Bikes or scooters should not be ridden on the playgrounds. <b>Mobile phones are not allowed in school.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PE</b></p> <p>PE kit = shorts, t-shirt, pumps, and tracksuit bottoms for the colder weather.</p> <p>Children <b>MUST</b> have a PE kit in school to change into and it should be kept in school for the whole term.</p> <p><b>Year 3- Fridays</b>  <b>Year 4- Tuesdays</b></p>
<p><b>Snack</b> If your child would like bread/crackers and butter you need to pay <b>£1 on Parentpay</b> by the <b>Sunday</b> of the week before, you can pay for the half term if you wish.</p>	<p><b>Reading</b>  Children are expected to <b>read at least 3 times a week. Reading records should be in school every day as adults listen to children in school.</b> It is important that children practise often to help them to develop. Please ensure that you or another adult is listening to your child read.</p> <p><b>ROAM Every Wednesday 8:30-8:50</b> Come to school and read with your child to learn how to better support your child's reading at home.</p> <p><b>Spelling</b> Children will be sent home with the half term's spelling homework. Children should practice their weekly spellings at least three times a week.</p> <p><b>Attendance</b> Your child should come to school <b>every day</b>, we know children get ill sometimes but on average <b>anything over 5 days a year is deemed excessive and will trigger EWO involvement.</b> Children coming after 8:55 will be recorded as late for school. <b>Children coming in after 9:15 will be classed as unauthorised.</b> All late children must be signed in by a parent/career at the main office. Classes that achieve 100% will receive extra play the week after.</p>