

# Year 2, 3, 4 Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2024






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 now 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  
Year 2, 3 and 4 Leader  
Maths Lead

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><u>Staff</u></b></p> <p><b>Year 2</b> Teacher- Mrs Beckingham (1/2) Miss Gillis Miss Sherstone and Mrs Wade HLTA- <b>Miss Bee</b> LSA- Mrs Pooran, Mrs Stuart and Miss Page</p> <p><b>Year 3</b> Teachers: Mrs Gray and Miss Poynton LSAs: Mrs Garlic and Miss Sampson</p> <p><b>Year 4</b> Teachers: Mr Finn and Mr Kelly HLTA – Mrs Jackson, Mrs Sidgwick</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Parent Pay</u></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><u>Important Dates (Autumn Term)</u></b></p> <p><b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Sept:</b> Year 4 Coffee Morning at 9am</p> <p><b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Sept:</b> Miss Gillis, Mrs Wade and Miss Sherstone Year 2 Coffee Morning at 3pm</p> <p><b>Thur 12<sup>th</sup> Sept:</b> Miss Beckingham Year 1/2 Coffee morning at 9am Year 3 Coffee Morning at 3pm</p> <p><b>Thur 10<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> Yr3 have a visitor for their Rock Topic in Science.</p> <p><b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>, school closes for half term.</p> <p><b>Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>, school reopens</p> <p><b>Thur 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> Year 2 are going to the Etihad</p> <p><b>Thur 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>, school closes for Christmas Holiday</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>School Uniform</u></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> not any other type and metal stud earrings <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>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Belongings</u></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. Mobile phones are not allowed in school.</p>	<p><b>Thur 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan</b>, School reopens for Spring Term</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Rocket Phonics</u></b></p> <p>In Year 2 your children will be taught phonics to help them to continue their journey to being fluent readers.</p> <p>For your child's online books don't forget the website: <a href="https://boost-learning.com">https://boost-learning.com</a></p> <p>Then add your child's full name in lower case. Password: westmorland1</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Remember to sign your child's reading record to say they've read online.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Snack</u></b></p> <p>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 or you can pay for the half term by the Sunday of this week if you wish.</p>	

## Educational Visits

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.

School heavily contribute to your children's trips to help make the cost as low as we can. All parents are asked to contribute to your child's learning. **We ask for £8.50 per term As this needs to be paid through Parent Pay by the half-term.** If the trip does not go ahead for any reason, you will be refunded.

Please note that if we do not receive enough monies **THESE WILL BE CANCELLED.**

Further details about trips will follow.

## Topics

### Year 1/2

#### **Autumn 1: Is it like London?**

Science – Plants

Geography – Physical and human features

(local area compared with London)

Art– Local Artist- Lucy Burgess + Jo the Charming Badger

#### **Autumn 2: Changes in Shopping**

Science – Animals including humans (people)

History – Shopping in the past

Design and technology- 3d Textiles

### Year 2

#### **Autumn 1: Environment**

Science – Plants

Geography – The poles- hot and cold

Art- Van Gogh

#### **Autumn 2: Achievements**

Science – Animals including humans

History- Commonwealth games- impact on Manchester and its people.

Art- Van Gogh

### Year 3

#### **Autumn 1: Rocks**

Science – Rock

Geography- Natural Disasters

Design and Technology- Levers and Linkages

#### **Autumn 2: Stone Age**

Science – Light

History- Stone Age

Art – Monet

### Year 4

#### **Autumn 1: Health**

Science – Animals including Humans

Geography- Rivers and Mountains

Art- John Dilnot

#### **Autumn 2: Romans**

Science – Sound

History – Romans

DT- Healthy and varied diet

## Year 4 – Multiplication Tables Check

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 TTRockstars to help them practise at home.

### Times Table Rock star



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.

## PE



PE kit = shorts, t-shirt, pumps, and tracksuit bottoms for the colder weather.

Children **MUST** have a PE kit in school to change into and it should be kept in school for the whole term.

**Year 1/2- Thursday**

**Year 2- Thursdays**

**Year 3- Mondays**

**Year 4- Fridays**

## Reading



We would **still** love you to,

**READ READ READ and TALK TALK TALK**

with your children at home.

Children are expected to read at **least three times a week**. Please ensure that you or another adult is listening to your child read and signing their reading record which **must** be brought into school every day.

The children are encouraged to read and re read the books they are given to build up fluency and will have their books changed frequently.

**Please talk to your child about what they are reading, this is a vital part of their learning process.**

If you need any help supporting your child with their reading, talk to your class teacher at the start of the day.

Don't forget it's important to enjoy sharing stories with your children. Read to them regularly and enjoy talking about characters, stories and interesting facts together.

**Try attending ROAM or ROAR**

**Readers On A Mission – ROAM**

**Readers On A Rampage- ROAR**

We will still be inviting parents to come into school to read with their child. The children will have a sticker chart where when they attend 6 times they can collect their reward!

## Attendance

Your child should come to school **every day**, we know children get ill sometimes but on average **anything over 5 days a year is deemed excessive and will trigger EWO involvement**, children coming after 8:50 will be recorded as late for school.

This year, children that are in 100% each half term will be able to wear their own clothes on the last Friday of half-term as well as being entered into a prize draw.

Classes that achieve 100% will also be rewarded with extra playtime.

