

Welcome to UKS2 (Years 5 and 6)

Autumn Term 2021



Curriculum Outline

As geographers we will be investigating the sustainability of the chocolate trade. We are going to be developing our map skills and exploring human geography including trade links and economic activity.

As scientists we will be exploring 'Evolution and Inheritance', including how living things have adapted over time, variation in offspring and the work of Charles Darwin and Mary Anning.

As writers we will be writing newspaper reports and working with The Guardian newspaper to publish our articles. We will also be studying Norse myths and creating our own stories.

As readers we will be reading, enjoying and discussing our novels in our whole class reading sessions. We will also be reading non-fiction, songs and poetry.

As mathematicians we will be developing our understanding of place value, the four calculations and fractions over the Autumn Term.

As artists we will be creating work inspired by Hundertwasser. The unit will involve tie-dyeing, creating a printing block and using batik.

As musicians we will be creating a mini musical performance about the effects of the slave trade in a West African village.

Computing – our unit is based on Online Safety and how we should create a positive online reputation and be aware of what we share online.

PSHE – Our sessions are all about 'Being my Best'. We will explore the 5 ways to well-being.

PE – this term, we will be learning how to play Hockey and will be creating paired performances in gymnastics sessions.

Religion and Worldviews - In these sessions, Y5 will be exploring how far a Sikh would go for their religion and Y6 will be exploring how Muslims demonstrate their commitment to God.

Woodlands – this term we will be creating environmental art inspired by Andy Goldsworthy and will be creating natural collages.



Meet the team

Mrs Hough—I am Upper Key Stage 2 Lead and Assistant Head. I have been working as part of the Westwood and Grove family for a number of years. In my new role I look forward to getting to know the children and families more. I have two young children and we enjoy visiting the park and the beach at weekends.



Miss Bircham - I am the Year 6 class teacher this year. I love going out to eat with family and friends and enjoy time walking on the beach (especially if ice-cream is involved). I'm excited to get to know you all and start a new school year!



Mr Taylor – I am the Year 5 class teacher for this year. This is now my 3rd year teaching at Westwood. Outside of school, I enjoy walking my 2 French bulldogs, going on my paddle board and playing football.



Mrs Bolan – I am an UKS2 teacher working with the team every morning. I am very excited about working alongside you all. I enjoy finding out new things and usually learn many things from the children. I enjoy many things but love sewing and crafts. I also enjoy watching Marvel movies and Disney films. I often make mistakes but embrace them.



Miss Thompson – I am working in Year 5 as a TA. I have worked at Westwood for a lot more years than I can remember and love working here. I enjoy spending time with my family, going out and about and finding new adventures to have.



Mrs Longthorne – I have worked at Westwood for 11 years and am currently one of the TAs in Year 5. I have two children who both attended Westwood, then went on to Pakefield High. I enjoy going away in my caravan with the family, NCFC and anything Disney.



Mrs Dorward – I am UKS2 HLTA. I have worked at Westwood Primary for 5 years. I love teaching art and enjoy literacy. I have three older children and in my spare time I like to cook, write books and travel to new places.



Mrs Goodyear – I have been a TA at Westwood for many years now. In fact, I remember some of the parents coming through the school. Year 6 really keeps me on my toes – I enjoy the variety of the lessons. One of the best parts of being in Year 6 is seeing the children grow into themselves and mature, ready to move on to high school. In my spare time, I am an avid reader and love to travel. I especially enjoy having adventures with my grandson.

Routines

Please ensure that children come to school each day with their named water bottle, bag, reading book and reading record books. Each class has a weekly library slot where they will be choosing a book to borrow and enjoy reading at home. Your child needs to make sure they bring their book in on their timetabled library slot in order to borrow a different book. Please see class timetables in their reading records.

Walking home from school

Children in UKS2 are allowed to walk home from school without an adult, however we ask that you fill in a permission form to ensure all adults in school are aware of who is allowed to walk home unaccompanied.

Woodland

This half term, the pupils will be visiting the woods each week for Woodland Art sessions. Please ensure the children have appropriate spare clothing and wellington boots (in a named bag) as the woods are used in all weathers.

Homework

Research has shown that giving children ownership of their homework and allowing learning to take place through creative ways produces more memorable and higher quality outcomes. Therefore, homework in UKS2 will continue to be set through a half termly homework menu. This will be stuck in the children's homework book and these activities can be completed in their homework book, where applicable. The children should be completing a minimum of one task per week. Homework books should be handed in every Monday to the class teacher.

Set work – Children will be set a weekly grammar quiz based on an element we have covered in class (accessible on Google Classroom) and a MyMaths task (pupil log ins in reading records).

Reading at Home – Our expectation is that the children read at home every evening to further their fluency and comprehension of a text. Please sign your child's reading record when they have read at home. All teachers keep a record of daily readers and the children are rewarded in school with a reading challenge cube for their tube.

Spellings – The pupils have discrete spelling sessions in school every day and will be learning their spellings through a phonics based approach. They will be studying the sounds and syllables in order to break down the words. The children will be given a practice sheet to take home each week. Every Friday, the spelling pattern will be tested through dictation sentences, as it allows the word to be used in context.

Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) – All children have an individual log in (details in reading records) which they can use at home. Later in the half term, we will be setting up battles between the UKS2 classes.

P.E.

PE Kit – Please look at the school website to see the children's kit requirements. Please ensure it is clearly named and brought into school EVERY Monday to be left for the week. We advise children to bring in deodorant, in roll-on form, for health and safety reasons.

Clubs and Tournaments – There are a range of exciting clubs and tournaments for the children to be part of this term. Details and more information about the clubs on offer has been sent out this week.

Dates for your diary

Meet the Teacher: online sessions on Thursday 16th September at 4pm and 5pm via Zoom. Meeting details to be sent on Parentmail.

Science visit: As part of our Science learning on evolution this half term, the children will be visiting Carlton Marshes for a 'Discovering Darwin' day. A letter with further details will be sent out soon. The classes will be visiting on the following days:

Year 6 – Tuesday 19th October

Year 5 – Wednesday 20th October

End of year trip

We are currently organising a fantastic trip in early July to watch the matinee performance of The Lion King in London's Lyceum Theatre! This will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to visit London and experience watching a west end musical! We estimate the cost to be £50 per child (coach and ticket price) and there will be the chance to pay in installments over the course of the year.



If you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to email your child's teacher and they will reply during school hours. Alternatively, you can call the school office to talk to your child's teacher at a convenient time. If you require any further support please contact Mrs Hough, Upper Key Stage 2 Lead, who will be happy to assist you with any queries you have.

We look forward to working alongside you to support your child's education this year.

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