



WESTWOOD NEWS

Summer Term (2) 2021



Dear Families,

It doesn't seem possible that we have reached the end of the academic year already. After another challenging year, this final term has been so jam-packed with activities and events that it seems to have gone by in a flash! Although we were unable to invite families to join us, we are so glad we were able to offer the children lots of fantastic opportunities both in school and in the local area, including visits to Hundred River Farm, Burgh Castle & Carlton Marshes, our whole school Fete Day and workshops linked to our learning. A big THANK YOU to our PTFA for helping to organise and fund many of these and to the staff and parent helpers who enabled them to go ahead.

Thank you to everyone who completed the online parent surveys sent out this half term. We take your feedback very seriously and use this to help shape our thinking around key issues in school. Thank you also for the feedback given after you received your child's end of year report—we value every comment made as we are continually striving to improve.

The end of year offers a moment to reflect on and celebrate the many successes of the year but it is also a sad time as we say farewell to much loved members of our school community. Our wonderful Year 6 children enjoyed a super send off with their Leavers Assembly and BBQ. We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching them and wish them all the very best in your High School. We are also saying goodbye to Mr Wilkes who will be joining the team at SCITT who train new teachers as a Senior Tutor. We are sure you will join us in wishing him all the very best in his new role and thanking him for all he has done for the children and team here at Westwood..

Once again, thank you for your continued support of our school, it really is our pleasure teaching your children and working with our local community.
We are so Proud to be Westwood!

Stay safe over the summer break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 6th September**.

Mrs Aldous & Mrs Barnes



Nursery & Reception

Nursery



Nursery have had a wonderful time learning all about food and the farm. The children came into class to find a trail of fruits that Handa had left for them from the story of Handa's Surprise. The next week they made bread with the Little Red Hen.



The highlights of this half term have been the Teddy Bears Picnic and watching the caterpillars metamorphize into butterflies, linked to the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar.



In phonics, the children have continued to listen to rhyming words, to identify the first sound in words and to begin to hear the syllables in words.

Reception

Reception have continued to have a fabulous Summer term! We have also been learning all about different stories connected to food and farming.

In Phonics, we have been focusing on blending sounds in words when trying to read.



The highlight of this term was our trip to a Hundred River Farm, where the children got to feed pigs, sheep, chickens, and ducks!



The EYFS Sports day was a fantastic success! All the children had such a wonderful morning and all earned a special winner's medal!



Thank you to all of the children and parents/carers for your continued support throughout this year! You have all worked so hard and we are so proud of everything you have achieved!

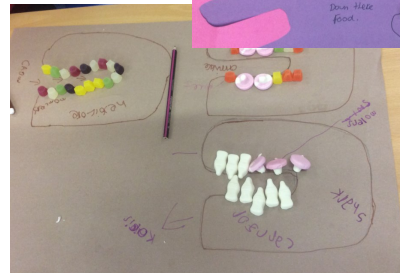
Years 1 & 2

In Key Stage 1, we have had a fun filled last half term looking at the Greatest Inventions. We started our learning by finding a plane wreckage where we needed to redesign a plane with guidance from the Wright brothers' old plans.



In Design Technology, we tried a range of vegetables to make our very own vegetable kebabs for a healthy snack. They were very tasty.

In Science, we have been looking at groups of animals and their diets. We explored the teeth structure of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and made our own jaw models using sweets to represent teeth.



We thoroughly enjoyed our fete day where we got the chance to bounce to our hearts content on the amazing bouncy castles, enjoyed party games and took part in woodland crafts, all thanks to our PTFA!

Years 3 & 4

This half term, Lower Key Stage 2 have studied the Romans. Our topic began with a Roman Day with all of the children taking part in Roman activities, such as making shields, mosaics, coins and wreaths. This really immersed us in the History.



We had the Time and Tide Museum pay us a visit from Lady Livia and an Icení warrior. This helped us to understand what happened when the Romans grew their empire.

Year 4 were lucky enough to be invited to Red Oak for Medical Mavericks. It was an opportunity to look at careers that are available in Science. We looked at Sports Science and Medical Science and had a great hands-on experience. We were very proud of the children's behaviour.



It was fantastic to have a Roman dance experience come in to visit us also. We were really proud of the children's creativity in these sessions and the final pieces they produced.

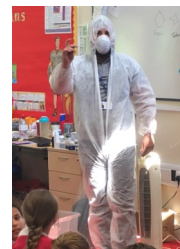
It has been a wonderful summer term, enjoy your holidays and we can't wait for all the fun September will bring!

Years 5 & 6

What a wonderful final half term it has been in Years 5 and 6! It has been full of great learning, enrichment opportunities and lots of fun.

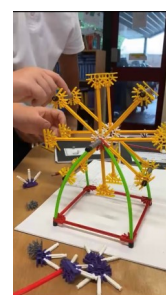
Westwood CSI

In our Science learning, the pupils became forensic scientists. They found out what a forensic scientist does and why their job is so important. As part of their learning, they dusted for fingerprints, explored the prints and discovered the subtle differences between each set of prints.



D.T. Fairgrounds

As designers, the children investigated a range of fairground rides, observed how they moved and identified the rotating parts. Next, they sketched a plan for their own fairground ride and created it. Once the structure was built, they included an electrical circuit with a motor to make the ride move. Finally, they evaluated their own and others' designs.



Roman Dance Workshop

We had a brilliant workshop with Lorraine from Multicultural Dance based on the Romans, as part of our History unit. The pupils embraced the session and developed their own ancient Roman dances based on an image from Pompeii. They all performed their dances at the end and Lorraine was really impressed with their interpretations and collaboration.



Goodbye to our Wonderful Year 6 Pupils

Year 6 had such a memorable day on Friday as we marked their final day all together at Westwood. During the assembly, the children received their Leavers hoodie, a trophy and their mini photo yearbooks. In addition, they had so much fun at their Leavers event in the evening. They enjoyed hotdogs and chips, music, dancing, playing in the woods, a photo booth, rounders and the ultimate WATERFIGHT! They have been an incredible year group and we know they will go on to achieve some wonderful things in their lives.



Sporting Success

During this half term, there has been lots of sporting action from ALT competitions to Sports clubs and, not forgetting, our annual Sports Days!

ALT Tournaments

With the restart of tournaments allowed to happen this half term, the team at Red Oak gave all schools 2 ALT tournaments a week. The main focus was to get the years 4,5 and 6 children active in competitive fixtures for the first time in 12 months and the children did not let us down! In fact, there was only one competition that we did not bring a medal home from. This shows the resilience and determination of all the children that represented Westwood this half term. A massive shout out goes to our year 5 running team who brought home 2 Gold Medals. Another highlight this half term was meeting Terry Butcher at the inaugural Terry Butcher Cup.



Sports Clubs

This half term was very busy with a large number of before school, lunchtime and after school sports clubs on offer. All clubs had a full register with at least 5 children on the waiting list! It was great to see so many children joining in and keeping active.



Sports Day

Due to COVID, this year's sports day was very different. The children still took part in a typical carousel of events and participated in running races but without spectators and in small Key Stage bubbles. Each child competed and had a massive smile on their face even if their house did not finish first.



1st **Sapphire**
2nd **Emerald**
3rd **Ruby**
4th **Diamond**

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Diary Dates

There will be more events taking place and we will let you know as soon as possible!

Friday 16th July	Last Day of Term - everyone finishes at 1pm
Monday 19th July – Tuesday 31st August	Summer Holidays
Wednesday 1st September Thursday 2nd September Friday 3rd September	PD Days – staff only in school
Monday 6th September	Children return to school
Monday 13th September – Friday 17th September	Book Fair in school
Wednesday 6th October & Thursday 7th October	Year 6 Bikeability
Monday 11th October	Flu Vaccinations
Monday 11th October	Individual School Photos
Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October	Half Term Holidays

WEBSITE

Please keep an eye on the school website as we update this regularly.

The address is: www.westwoodprimary.org

You can also follow us on:



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CONTACT DETAILS

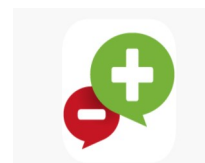
Please ensure we have your up to date contact details. This includes current address and telephone numbers.

We MUST have two contact telephone numbers in case of an emergency.



PARENTMAIL

Please ensure you sign up to ParentMail, this is how you will receive ALL means of communication.



ALLERGY INFORMATION

As you will already be aware, we are a nut-free school - we have children who have allergies to a variety of different nuts as well as peanuts - and ask that parents check the ingredients of items in packed lunches, avoiding anything that states it contains nuts.

Please speak to the school office, if you have any problems - paper copies may be available upon request.

People who can help

In addition to your child's class teacher, who should always be your first point of contact, the following people are readily available to help you with any issue, if needed.



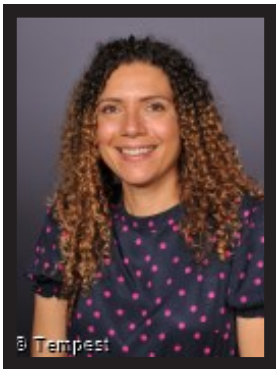
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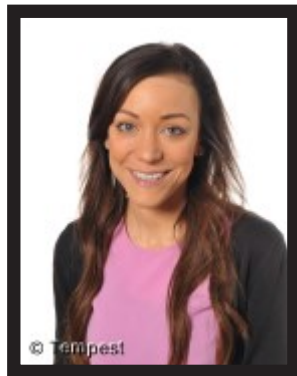
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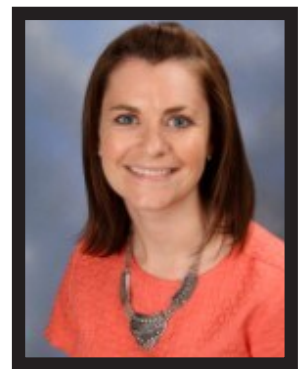
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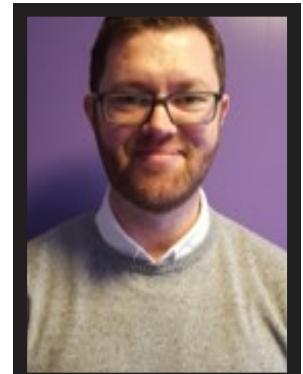
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Safeguarding
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