

Welcome to Lower Key Stage 2

What we are learning

During this half term we will be learning ...

- **as geographers**, we will be taking a road trip across America travelling across both the North and South.
- **as writers**, we will be writing our own poems and narrative linked with the Americas.
- **as scientists**, we will explore different states of matter investigating the difference between solids, liquids and gases.
- **as mathematicians**, we will be revisiting our learning on place value and using our knowledge to answer problem solving and reasoning questions.
- **as artists**, we will be looking at textiles; including materials from different cultures.
- **as a religious expert**, we will be investigating the festival of Diwali and the life of Budha.
- **as athletes** we will be working on our basketball skills and learning the rules of the game..



Meet the team:

Miss Willeard is the Year 3 teacher. She enjoys reading and baking. She also likes to spend time with her family walking along the seafront.

Mrs Lark is a teaching assistant in Year 3. She has two boys and loves taking them to her favorite place: Legoland!

Mrs Longthorne is a teaching assistant in Year 3. She enjoys holidays and spending time with her two children.

Mrs Hinton is the Year 4 teacher and this is her second year at Westwood. She has two boys who she enjoys spending time with along with her pet dog Nelson who she likes taking on long walks.

Mrs Freeman is a teaching assistant in Year 4 and has been at Westwood for as long as anyone can remember! In her free time she enjoys spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs Dorward is a teaching assistant in Year 4. She enjoys spending time with her three children and her two pet chickens who lay eggs daily!

Homework

Children are expected to read on a Daily Basis for 10 minutes along with practising their weekly spellings which will be put in their reading logs.

Each child will be given a homework book which can be used to complete a weekly SPAG activity or any activity from the Home Learning Menu which will be set each half term.

One task per week will be set on MyMaths alongside challenges on Times Table Rock Stars.

If you need to contact us our emails are below:

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PE Days

Year 3 and 4 – Tuesday

Woodland Days

Year 3 – Wednesday

Year 4 - Friday

PE days

Children will be taking part in one outdoor PE session this half term and one Woodland School session. Please ensure PE kits are in school so that your child can fully participate. A reminder that PE kits should contain a white t shirt, black shorts, plimsolls and/or trainers. For outdoor sessions particularly during the winter children may also like to bring black tracksuit bottoms and a black sweatshirt. Please name all items of clothing to avoid any mix ups and items going missing. Any earrings will need to be removed on these days or covered with tape.

For Woodland School children will need to bring a pair of welly boots, spare pair of trousers or wet weather gear. Please ensure all Woodland School clothes (including welly boots) are named.

Routines

Please ensure that children come to school each day with their named water bottle, book bag, reading book and reading record books.

Later this year, each class have a weekly library slot where they will be choosing a book to borrow. Each week, the books will be changed so please ensure that your child has their book with them ready to bring back on their library day.



If you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to firstly chat to your child's class teacher by contacting the office to make an appointment to speak with or meet them. If you require any further support please contact Mr Wilkes, Key Stage 2 leader, who will be happy to assist you with any queries you have. We look forward to working alongside you this year to support your child's education this year.