



# Welcome to Lower Key Stage 2

## Meet the team



**Mrs Kounnas**- I am Key Stage 2 Lead for Westwood and Grove. My favourite subject is Geography. I can't wait to see all of the fabulous learning you do this year.



**Miss Thompson**- I am the SEN TA and really enjoy helping the children to achieve their goals. In my spare time, I love watching and supporting my sons with their motor racing.



**Miss Bailey** - I am looking forward to joining Westwood and having a fun year of learning with you all in Year 3. I love reading, going to the beach and spending time with my family.



**Miss Harvey** - I am new to Westwood and looking forward to getting to know everyone and becoming part of the Westwood team! I enjoy History, Art and baking and like to spend time with my family and friends!



**Mrs Lark**- I've been working in schools for the past 30 years and currently an HLTA in year 3. I enjoy going on holiday and long walks with my family.



**Mrs Egan**- I have been working in schools for 23 years now and love being able to help children achieve their best. I like watching motorbike racing and love spending time with my family and grandson.

# What we are learning



**As geographers** we are learning about our world and how to use maps and use lines of longitude and latitude.

**As scientists** we are going to be looking at light, shadows and learning how the sun can be dangerous and how we can protect ourselves.

**As writers** we will be writing a narrative about the book Greta & The Giants and creating Fairytale playscripts.

**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 over the Autumn Term.

**As artists** we will be creating work in response to Henri Matisse making collages in different ways.

**As linguists** we will be practicing greetings, asking how people are feeling and knowing how old we are.

**Computing** – our unit is based on coding and creating shapes by using algorithms - we will use Scratch to do this.

**PSHE** – Our sessions are all about 'Being my Best'. We will look at healthy choices and how we can be sustainable within our school community.

**PE** – this term, we will be learning how to play Basketball and will be using dribbling and passing skills to be successful in a game.

**Religion and Worldviews** - In these sessions we will be exploring our big question of Where do Beliefs come from? We will explore Christianity.

**Woodlands** – this term we will be creating environmental art and will be creating natural collages to link in with our Art unit of learning.

## Homework

- Children will be set a spelling activity on Edshed each week which will link to the spellings they are being taught in class that week.
- Children will be asked to read daily (10 minutes each night) that will help towards the school reading challenge. Please make sure that children bring their books in every day
- Children will be asked to log in to Times Table Rock Stars every week and practise their times tables for at least 20 minutes over the week
- Children will get a homework menu to choose an activity linked to our curriculum too which you can choose each week.



## PE days

Children will be taking part in one woodland and one outdoor PE session this half term. Please ensure PE kits are in school at the **beginning of each week** so that your child can fully participate. A reminder that PE kits should contain: a white t shirt, black shorts, black/grey jogging bottoms, plimsolls and/or trainers. For woodlands sessions, particularly during the winter, children need to bring a spare pair of clothes, welly boots or wet weather gear. 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.

## Routines



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

Every class has 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 at the end of the school day so that we can support with these. Please see their email addresses below.

Miss Bailey- [kbailey@westwoodprimary.org](mailto:kbailey@westwoodprimary.org)

Miss Harvey- [nharvey@westwoodprimary.org](mailto:nharvey@westwoodprimary.org)

Alternatively, if you require any further support please contact **Mrs Kounnas**, Key Stage 2 leader, who will be happy to assist you with any queries you have: [r.kounnas@groveprimaryschool.org](mailto:r.kounnas@groveprimaryschool.org)

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