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Year R Curriculum Newsletter – 2025/26

Dear Parents,

Here at West Winch Primary School, we welcome and encourage the important link between home and school. We would like you to be fully involved with your child's education. This letter is to inform you of the topics, curriculum content and homework your child will be working through this year.

Class Topics

The main class topics we will be covering this year are:

- **Autumn 1st half – Myself Role Play:** Classroom, Home, Fish & Chip Shop, Village Shop & Post Office, Pizza Take-away
- **Autumn 2nd half – Colour, Shape, Light & Dark Role Play:** Witches' Cave, Bonfire, Hot Dog Stall, Theatre, Father Christmas' Workshop, Christmas Sitting Room, Father Christmas' Grotto & Nativity Stable
- **Spring 1st half – Clothes** (including People Who Help Us) **Play:** Emergency Services Station, Builders' Yard, Cafe, Chinese Take Away & Veterinary Surgery
- **Spring 2nd half - Growth and Change** Focus on plant growth, exploring & investigating **Role Play:** Lambing Yard, Farm Shop, Florist & Percy the Park-Keeper's House
- **Summer 1st half – Minibeasts Role Play:** Beach Hut, Beach & Travel Agents
- **Summer 2nd half – Outdoors** (including playground games, Sports Day, seaside, sun and water safety) **Role Play:** Fish and Chip Shop, Campsite, Picnic Area, Ice-cream Van & Punch and Judy show.

Please talk to your child about the topics we will be covering throughout the year i.e. what you can do now that you could not do when you were a baby, body parts, what happens to you when you exercise, what foods are healthy and make you grow etc.

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Children in Reception are incredibly fortunate; they have yoga on a Monday afternoon and sport on a Wednesday morning. The sports session is led by a sports coach. We would like all children to bring their PE bag into school on **Monday mornings**. The bag will stay in school for the week and can be taken home on **Fridays** for washing over the weekend.

Homework

Every child in Reception class has now been given a reading book to take home. When you listen to your child read, please feel free to write a comment in their reading diary. It helps us to know not only if they have read at home, but how well they have read. Books are changed regularly on a Monday and Thursday (providing children can read their books). Reading books should be kept in your child's reading folder (which can be purchased from the main school office or online) and brought into school daily.

After Christmas, on Fridays, to further develop learning between home and school, I will give each child a piece of homework. It will usually be something they have been working on in class that week, or

something we will be doing the next week. I will give you further information about this at the beginning of the Spring Term.

General

We are extremely excited to let you know that our Reception children have regular outdoor learning sessions. These sessions (similar to those in a Forest School) will be on Fridays for Year R and they will take place on the school site. It is not necessary for your child to change his or her clothes for the session. However, you are welcome to send in a pair of wellingtons for your child to change into in school for these sessions as the ground can be quite muddy. These outdoor learning sessions are completely cross-curricular and will enhance the children's development in a very holistic way, and they gain a lot from participating in them. Part of the experience will involve sitting around a camp fire, which will explain the smoky smell they might come home with on a Friday afternoon!

Children in Reception Class visit the school library on a Wednesday. They are able to choose a book to take home and share. They can keep the book for a week and then they have the opportunity to change it for a different one. If your child would like to change their library book, please ensure that it is in their reading folder on a Wednesday. Unfortunately, if not, they will have to wait until the following week to exchange it for a different one.

Can I also take this opportunity to ask you to name every item that your child brings to school, because if something gets lost, it is a lot easier to reunite it with its rightful owner.

Finally, I am really pleased with how the children have settled into school life so far – it is as if they have been at West Winch Primary School for years! I would also like to thank you all for supporting your child with their transition to school.

I hope you have found this letter useful. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me via the main school office or, alternatively, email me using my class email address. Many thanks for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss K Austin
Reception Class Teacher