



Westlands Primary School

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VTP/ELB/JYB/Year 6/Curriculum Newsletter/Term 1 of 2020-2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and welcome to Year 6. We hope you enjoyed the summer holidays and are feeling ready for the new academic year.

Homework/Reading

Please ensure that your child is reading regularly at home. Each class has a Get Epic reading account. Teachers can see how much your child has read, which books and even if they have skipped through pages, It is a really helpful platform for checking their reading. Please go to <https://www.getepic.com/sign-in> and choose the class code for your child:

Titanium nuj7657

Platinum kwn8256

Palladium nix9843

Following changes at Get Epic - it is now only accessible between 7am and 4pm from home.

To ensure that children have free online reading resources, we have Oxford Owl accounts for each class - and it is available at any time. Please go to: <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/please-log-in>

Titanium:

username - titanium20 and password Westlands20

Platinum

username - Platinum2020 and password Westlands20

Palladium

username - palladium2020 and password westlands20

Homework tasks will be set on **Google Classroom**. Our class code is **5sd6aad**. There will be google forms uploaded, so that answers can be submitted and marked from the forms. Children can also complete their work as a google document and upload it for teachers, should they prefer to do this. They have had a lesson in school to ensure that they are familiar with this process and have practised submitting work.

Curriculum

Below are the topics that we will be studying in Term 1:

Subject	Term 1
English	Holes, Louis Sachar Informal letter Diary entry Descriptive writing Narrative
Maths	Number Place value Rounding Ordering numbers Multiplication – written method Division – written methods
Science	Forces
Computing	E safety Staying safe online Passwords and usernames Safe conduct Safe websites Identifying risks.
Topic	Crime and Punishment 1400s to 1800s Tudor Crime and Punishments Smugglers Witch trials Dick Turpin - hero or villain? Prison ships and Botany Bay
R.E.	Christianity and Judaism This year we are teaching RE with a whole school focus. There will be a termly whole school RE days to provide the children with rich learning opportunities.
Art and DT	Art Rebellion - art week Learning to sketch and build on ideas. Banksy and Catman street art.
French	All about me Learning basic phrases, with correct pronunciation to describe yourself.
P.E	Cognitive Working in teams and pairs Giving feedback for improvement
Music	Charanga Unit 1 'Happy' Study of music, musical terms and the structure and composition of music, including the following tracks: Happy by Pharrell Williams ● Top Of The World sung by The Carpenters ● Don't Worry, Be Happy sung by Bobby McFerrin ● Walking On Sunshine sung by Katrina And The Waves ● When You're Smiling sung by Frank Sinatra ● Love Will Save The Day sung by Brendan Reilly

PSHE	Global citizenship Democracy Group dynamics Anti-social behaviour
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PE

PE will be every **TUESDAY** for all year 6 classes and children will need to wear their **full PE kit to school**. They will **not** be able to get changed at school.

Swimming

Please ensure that children bring swimming kits to school on a **Wednesday** - following the timetable below.

Term 1 & 4	Palladium & Platinum
Term 2 & 5	Platinum & Titanium
Term 3 & 6	Titanium & Palladium

Uniform

Children should be wearing black shoes. Black trainers are **not** acceptable. An increasing number of children are wearing these to school; please ensure that your child has the correct footwear. All children should be wearing their tie to school every day as well as their blazer. We would also like to remind you that necklaces, bracelets, large bows, bangles etc. are not part of the school uniform and therefore should not be worn. Nail varnish should also be removed. Please can you also ensure that children have the correct PE kit. The school website has details of the correct kit. Skinny jeans are not suitable for PE.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to a productive and happy year,

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Burr
Assistant Headteacher
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