



# Westlands Primary School

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VTP/ELB/Year 4/Curriculum Newsletter/Term 1 of 2020-2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

In Term 1, Year 4 will be learning about Ancient Egypt. Our book for the term will be Jake Atlas and the Tomb of the Emerald Snake, which will support the children with their knowledge and understanding of the wonders of ancient and modern day Egypt. This also parallels with developing their vocabulary and wider understanding of literature. Within maths lessons, the children will investigate the place value of number and learn how to round numbers. They will also recap on basic mathematical skills.

## Homework/Reading

Please ensure that your child is reading regularly at home. Each class has a Get Epic reading account. Please go to <https://www.getepic.com/sign-in> and choose the class code for your child:

**Onyx:** zsm3341

**Sunstone:** jxm8492

**Argent:** kvn0659

**Quartz:** cmt5679

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

Homework tasks, for the moment, will be set on Google Classroom.  
Our Year Group class code is: **tyzc2il**

## Curriculum

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

Subject	Term 1
English	Jake Atlas and the Tomb of the Emerald Snake - Descriptive writing Poetry Non fiction
Maths	Numbers to 1000 Rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 Number line to 10,000 Compare and order numbers
Science	Light
Computing	We are Software developers
Topic (History, Geography, D.T, Art)	Ancient Egypt Mummify oranges, design jewelry, make canopic jars and life size sarcophagus'.

R.E.	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.
French	Presenting myself
P.E	Cognitive Working in teams and pairs Giving feedback for improvement
Music	Charanga Unit 1 Year 4 will be able to: ●Listen and Appraise the songs of ABBA
PSHE	Being Me in My World

### Water Bottles

It is essential that all children have a water bottle in school every day. Bottles should be left in school, but taken home on a Friday to be deep cleaned. Bottles are to be brought in on Monday morning, filled ready for the day.

### PE

Children will need to **wear** their PE kit to school on their designated PE day, which is **Wednesday for Sunstone and Thursday for Onyx, Argent and Quartz**. This is to ensure it can be washed and clean for the following week. The kit should include a white t-shirt, blue/black shorts and plimsolls. A blue/black tracksuit will be needed during the colder months should we be outside for lessons on a dry day. Long hair must be tied back with a hair band and earrings must be removed. Please can you provide a note if your child is unable to take part in PE.

Swimming is on a Tuesday morning for Year 4. **This will be in terms 1, 3 and 5 for Sunstone and Onyx and terms 2, 4 and 6 for Argent and Quartz.** Swimming is part of the curriculum which means **all** children need to take part. As mentioned, please provide a note for your child if they are unable to take part. Girls must wear a one-piece swimsuit and all children need a swimming hat. Again earrings must be removed for swimming.

### 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.

We thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Daniels   Mrs Taylor   Miss Reynolds   Mrs Spillard   Miss Stanton