

Year 1 Autumn 1

Welcome back!

We hope you have had a fun summer and are ready for all the exciting things ahead this half term!

Staff: Miss Woolley
Mrs Evans, Mrs
Beasley, Miss Manley

Reminders:

PE is Monday and Friday each week for both Yew and Beech class.

Forest School is every Thursday.

Please come to school in PE kit and Forest School clothes on these days and remove or cover earrings with plasters.

If you need to speak to your child's class teacher for any reason, please make contact via the year group emails.

These are checked on a daily basis after school and will be responded to as soon as possible. The year 1 email address is
year1a@westfield.staffs.sch.uk



English

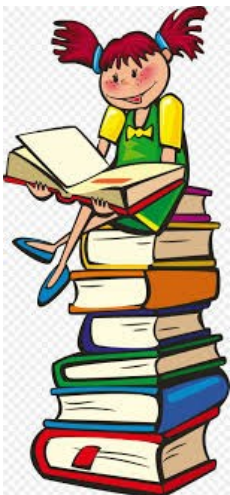
Throughout our English lessons this half term, we will build on our skills from Reception to:

- ⇒ Write dictated sentences using capital letters and finger spaces.
- ⇒ Apply phonics when sounding out and count sounds in words.
- ⇒ Discuss our predictions about stories.
- ⇒ Retell familiar stories.
- ⇒ Use our imagination to innovate stories.

Maths

We will begin by consolidating key skills learnt throughout the Early Years and develop our mathematical thinking to:

- ◆ Sort objects in different ways.
- ◆ Count forwards and backwards within 10.
- ◆ Find one more and one less than for numbers to 10.
- ◆ Compare numbers and objects using greater than, less than and equal to.



Reading at home

- Your child will read their reading book **three times in school during the week** as part of our Phonics scheme, Little Wandle and then bring it home to read to you each Friday
- Every child will be able to choose a book from the library to take home every week and share with you.
- **Library books** will be **changed on a Wednesday** and **reading books** will be sent home on a **Friday. Please return reading books by a Thursday.**
- Please practise the phonics flashcards that will be sent home.



Creative Theme Memory Box

Our topic this half term will be 'Memory box' where we will be exploring the past and making comparisons.

History

It is time to become Historians and dive back into the past! We will:

- Explore toys from the past, looking at how they have changed over time.
- Converse with older generations to compare daily life then and now.
- Get your baby photos ready to discuss changes within ourselves.



RE

The theme this half term is caring. The children will explore different people in our community that help care for them.



Science

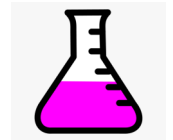
As scientists we will:

Explore and investigate the local environment, focusing on plants and trees.

Identify a variety of wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees.

Dissect plants to help us identify and describe the basic structure.

Observe the weather and environment in the coming weeks to help us explore what happens as seasons change.



PSHE

Our theme for this half term is Me and my school.

Children will have the opportunity to develop their personal skills, understand and contribute to the life of school. This will include gaining responsibilities within their classroom and having the opportunity to apply to be a School Council Representative.



French

Bonjour! This half term we will be learning about greetings in French.



As part of our topic, we have chosen a number of tasks for the children to complete at home. The children must complete at least one of these tasks but they can complete as many as they like! Children can email homework in at any time to the year group email address.

Go on a scavenger hunt in the forest. Take photos of the objects you find.	Create an 'All about me board'. You can use photos and draw pictures.
Create your own time capsule full of your favourite items and bring into class to share with your peers.	Create your own toy using recyclable materials.
Make a scrap book with photos of people in your family. You could include tickets from events, cards or memorable items.	Look in your garden or in the outside area and try to spot flowers and plants, can you research their names?