



Warlingham Village Primary School's



Year 1

Class Newsletter

Autumn 2025

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you have had a lovely summer holiday and are looking forward to the next year as much as I am.

Reading

Each week, your child will take home **2 hard back phonic decodable reading books** that contain the phonemes that they have already learnt and **1 paper based phonic book** to match the phonemes taught that week. Please try and read the phonic books with your child **every day** and record this in their yellow reading record. The children will also choose a new book from the school library each week that they can take home and share with you. Reading books will be changed each week on your child's reading day (stated below) **but only if they have been recorded as read in their yellow books.**

Air – Mondays

Earth – Tuesdays

Fire – Wednesdays

Water – Thursdays



Each week, a Fluency Passage will also be sent home for your child to practise reading and performing the actions. Please encourage your child to learn this so they can join in when they perform this during Thursday's assembly.

Phonics

*At the beginning of the term, we will be revising over **phase 4 phonics** before we start **phase 5** and learn new phonemes. Each week, the children will take home their phonics workbook which they have worked on during the week. Please share these with your child and encourage them to complete any unfinished pages.*

A phonic/spelling bookmark will also be sent home in your child's reading wallet on a Friday that includes words with the phoneme in that the children have been learning. Please spend time with your child to read and spell the words.

Take Away Homework

This term the takeaway homework is based on learning across all subject areas that will take place this term including our wider curriculum topics. Children should choose a task that interests them and be able to present it to the class during the last week of the Christmas term. They will receive 5 house points and a certificate.

English



In our English lessons this term, we will be concentrating on sentence structure and the use of simple punctuation. We will also study a range of fiction and non-fiction texts and will be writing instructions, stories and a recount. This term the children will develop their use of capital letters, full stops and finger spaces, use of adjectives, exclamation and question marks and using the correct tense – simple past or present.

GLF Curriculum (science, history, geography, art and design technology)

Our first Enquiry question is ***‘What makes the best curtain?’***. We will learn about a range of materials including wool, wood, clay, metal, glass and fabric and identify objects that are made from these. We will learn what a purpose of a curtain is and how curtains look different around the world. The children will investigate which material would be suitable to make a curtain based on their properties. We will be creating a panel for a class curtain, ensuring our curtain has a repeating pattern design. ***If you have any of the above materials spare or any curtain/fabric swatches it would be great if we could use them to enhance our lessons.*** Additionally, if you can take a photo of your curtain / window covering and speak to your child about the material it is made from and print it off and send it in with your child or email it to the office by **Monday 15th September** we can share these together.

After half-term, we will answer the ***question ‘Which structure is significant to our local area and why?’***. The children will learn about a local structure and enjoy creating a freestanding model of it.

Maths

Our math’s lessons this term will all be practical, where children can explore mathematical concepts hands-on. The topics we will be focusing on are number and place value, addition and subtraction, number bonds, shape, position and direction and measurement.



PE

This year, PE is on ***Tuesdays and Wednesdays***. We will be focusing on ***Gymnastics and Fundamentals of Sport***. Please ensure that your child comes dressed in their school PE kits on these days. Earrings should not be worn and long hair should be tied back. ***Please make sure all your child’s clothes are named. School PE kits will be provided if children are not in correct clothing.***

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. If you have any questions or queries, then please do not hesitate to contact me. I am available to speak to parents after school, or if this is not convenient then please phone and make an appointment.

Miss Powell