

Owls and Robins

CLASS NEWS

Autumn Term 2023



Key Learning: Walk like an Egyptian



English: Stories and non-chronological reports

To use fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and use apostrophes for contraction and singular possession.



Maths: To learn times tables up to 12x12, place value using HTO and working with numbers to 1000.



Creative Curriculum: Walk like an Egyptian - To develop an understanding of the history of the Ancient Egyptians and the geography of the area.

Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a delightful, restful summer break and are ready for another exciting year at Westfield. 2023-4 promises to be another busy year, with lots of challenging opportunities for our children to learn, both inside and outside the classroom.

We are looking forward to many events for parents too, aiming to keep you informed about your child's learning and their next steps.

KEY DATES

4th September- Children return to school

4th - 8th September-Diversity Week- Artists Around the World

2nd October - Individual Pupil School Photos

5th October - Book Look in The Wild Garden

17th October - Parents Evening (in person meeting)

19th October - Harvest Festival Assembly

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23rd October - 3rd November - Half Term

6th November - Children return to school

9th November - Open Evening 5pm-6.30pm

15th November - Robins trip to Pizza Express

29th November Christmas Fair

30th November Christmas assembly to Yr3 Parents

15th December - Christmas Jumper Day; Carols around the tree 1pm then Autumn Term ends at 1.20pm

Autumn Term Topics: Our topic this term is 'Walk like an Egyptian'. Within this topic, we will be looking at significant Egyptian individuals, mummification, artwork of the time and other exciting areas of Ancient Egypt. We will also be looking at the natural and man-made geographical features within Egypt and the River Nile. In Science, we will be looking at Rocks and Soil and how fossils are formed. The children will have the opportunity to make Egyptian masks in D.T. The children will also have the opportunity to learn to play a range of musical instruments on a Wednesday, with Grooveline, as part of their Music lessons. On a Monday afternoon, we will continue to have our Wellbeing time, where we will be taking the theme of "Taking Notice" in the first half term and "To be Active" after half term as well as introducing our Zones of Regulation - supporting children and giving them strategies to deal with the many emotions that they will feel at different times.

P.E: Robins have PE on Mondays and Wednesdays. Owls have PE on Wednesdays and Fridays. PE is often done outdoors, unless it is raining, so please make sure children have suitable kit - tracksuit bottoms, burgundy t-shirt, warm schooljumper and trainers. Earrings and watches **must** be removed for the lessons. Please see our uniform policy on the website if you are unsure.

Uniform: We are continuing to have a "dress down" day on Fridays as part of our Well-Being focus and to support all families in ensuring uniforms are washed, dried and ready for Monday the following week. Children will be expected to wear sensible, comfy shoes (e.g. trainers) and are not allowed to wear open toed sandals, flip flops, heels or slip on shoes. For the remaining 4 days of the week: If it is a PE day (You will have received this information) your child should come into school wearing their PE clothes and trainers. This means children will not need to change, which also is a bonus for ensuring they get the maximum time for learning/ physical exercise. On the remaining days your child will need to wear normal school uniform... this can be summer uniform until half term. Hair must be tied up, using plain, school coloured bands or clips, or held back in a plain headband. Jewellery is not to be worn - unless they are plain stud earrings. Nail varnish must not be worn. Our policy is that children who choose not to follow the school dress code will stay in at playtimes unless they borrow appropriate footwear/ties from school. Please see our uniform policy on the website if you are unsure.

Homework: The children will be expected to read and answer questions about their reading book daily, work on their weekly spellings and learn the given times table - parents will need to sign the Homework Diary to show these activities have been done. The Topic-based work is on our Family Learning Sheet.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us, if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Thank you,

Mrs Lee (Robins) and Miss Malhotra (Owls)