

Dear Parents/Carers,



I do hope you have all enjoyed a lovely Christmas despite the challenging circumstances. A huge thank you from all colleagues for all the kind words and generous Christmas gifts; your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for all your patience and understanding this week.

Learner of the Week

Rowan ~ Jem MCc

Beech ~ Remy G

Willow ~ Tom

Birch ~ Erin

Elm ~ Noah M

Pine ~ Jake B

Chestnut ~ Faith

Larch ~ Sergio

Lime ~ Arianne T

Hazel ~ Millie M

Year 6 Learners: To all the children learning from home this week for demonstrating tremendous resilience and independence - well done!

The last date to register for a place in YR for September 2021 entry is **January 15th**.

Please do sign up if you have a child eligible.

Citizens of the Week

Mason R for being helpful and proactive

Imogen K for being a kind friend

Charlotte for having a fantastic attitude to learning

Evie L for excellent contributions to class discussions

Hughie P for being a kind friend towards others

Sienna for her resilient and positive attitude with online learning, when not everything always goes to plan

Lujain for her helpful and polite attitude in the classroom

Orson for being a good friend to everyone in school

Olivia A for thoughtful reflections

Asher for trying hard

Year 6 Citizens: To all the children in the Year 6 bubbles at school for being patient and helpful while Miss Pankhurst and Mrs Farrell get to grips with teaching on Teams!

PSA Spotlight

Happy New year from our PSA team and a special thanks to all those who supported our 'Where's That Wonder?' trail. We look forward to being able to run more community events later in 2021!

Thank you for your patience with the Bug Club and Tapestry websites. They are experiencing high volume of usage at times. We are finding it is improving as the week has moved on.

Our IT department are currently looking in to Year R pupils having access to MS Teams for a story and song time at the end of each day. We will let you know when this is happening.

Year Group News

Year R



ASH

OAK

Talk to your child about the frosty wintery weather. Perhaps you could feel the frost and create patterns in it. Could you use a camera to take wintery photos?

We are excited to have learnt four new phonemes that are all digraphs this week! We hope you are able to access the daily phonics online video lesson. Do send in observations of your child learning at home, we would love to see them.

Counting Kevin has been really helpful this week as we begin to understand more about teen numbers in mathematics. How many teen numbers can you spot when you're out for your daily exercise?

Year 1



ROWAN

BEECH

Please talk to your child about: The book "The Day the Crayons Quit"

Thank you to everybody for your support with all the changes that have happened this week. We hope that you have enjoyed creatively writing about The Day the Crayons Quit. This will be getting even more exciting next week. Keep practising your reading and common exception words at home, as well as adding and subtracting numbers on a number line. We hope you all enjoy your weekend. Please do email us with any questions or queries. The Year 1 Team.

Year 2



WILLOW

BIRCH

Please talk to your child about: Staying safe online



We wanted to start by thanking you all for your patience when accessing online learning. It has been a huge learning curve for us all! Please just remind your children about the expectations of learning online, as difficult as we know it is as it is a novelty at the moment. In terms of resources for learning online, we are trying to ensure that all lessons require minimum resources. For all lessons at the moment, children will only need a pen/pencil and some lined or plain paper. If they have some colouring pencils or pens or a ruler, that would be great to add to their stationary collection too but not essential! Many parents have asked about bug club logins. Your child's login will be similar to below. If you have any problems, please let us know.

Username: hs1 (first initial, second initial, number 1)

Password: bugclub

School Code: p6qk

Next week we will be looking at strategies for multiplication and division in maths and continuing to look at Winter's child as our key text. However, we will be innovating the story to 'Summer's Child' so maybe have a think about how the story might change.

*Our text after 'Winter's Child' will be 'The Night Gardener' by The Wright Brothers as some parents have asked what is coming up.

This week's spellings: poor, door, floor

Please see below our planned daily timetable for online learning so you have some idea of what to expect.

9-9.15	9.15-9.45	9.45-10.30	10.30-11	11.00-12.00	12-12.30	12.30-1.30	1.30-2.00	2.00-2.15
Independent Morning Activity	Spelling & Grammar	English	Break Time	Maths	Guided Reading	Lunch Time	Story Spelling & Handwriting	Foundatic subject

Year 3



Talk to your child about: The BFG story that we are

www.westgate.hants.sch.uk

Thank you for your fantastic support as we have embraced this new stage and style of learning. We are hugely impressed with your fast developing skills, and relieved that we are learning faster than usual too!

We want to talk about:

- 1.Support for IT
- 2.Timetable
- 3.New email address to contact us
- 4.Where to find work

Support for IT

If you are having difficulties, there is a section on the website to report this and get help.

Here is the link.

<https://www.westgate.hants.sch.uk/primary-phase-useful-links>

Primary Phase useful links | westgate-home

Primary Phase home learning. ... Pupil Login Use your usual school computer access details on this login page (see picture below) please do not put your email address in the 'logon name' section.

www.westgate.hants.sch.uk

Find the button at the bottom of the page. Thank you for the support you are giving each other and us too. One frequent problem children are having is when a parent has previously logged into the device with their TEAMS log in, and so the pupil's TEAMS does not look as it should. So, please ensure that only the child is logged in.

Timetable

The timetable for Week 2 is uploaded onto the FILES area of the YEAR 3 site. Next week, Miss Hill will be teaching for three days online, and Mrs Cole for the remainder of the

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week. Mrs Priddle will be teaching online the following week.

Friday - we have reorganised the day from next Friday, so that all the PE slots are in one afternoon, and assembly is shortly after lunch. So, if you are able, and wish to use the PE time for a family walk, cycle ride etc, then the timetable gives flexibility for that on Friday.

New Email to contact Year 3 teachers

Year3@Westgate.hants.sch.uk This email will go to all the teachers in Year 3, which is helpful for us to all be aware of what is happening with the children.

Kind regards,

The Year 3 Team

It was lovely to have Year 4 back on Monday, even if it was short lived! Miss Hurn and Mrs HP are so impressed with how everybody has transitioned to either online learning or learning in school with Miss Hurn. Well done everyone! Thank you to all parents who have supported with Teams at home, the children have improved their skills a lot this week and despite some technological challenges, the learning has been a success! All of Year 4 have continued with their normal learning, as if they had all been in school as planned. Next week we will continue to base our Writing on Shackleton's Journey and will explore rounding in Maths. Stay safe everyone and see you next week!

Year 4



LARCH



CHESTNUT



Hazel



Lime

Please talk to your child about our new text "The Hidden Figures" and The Race to Space.

Please talk to your child about negative numbers in real life.

Thank you so much for all your support this week with the on-line learning: we are so proud of how well the children are managing and how engaged they are.

We will be emailing as much learning through as we can using the children's account.

In Maths next week we will be revising and subtraction strategies.

Lorraine Lee Workshop

19.01.21

Year 6



Sycamore



Maple

Please talk to your child about their purple mash learning.

This week we have been so impressed with our amazing Year 6 pupils! Please give them lots of praise and say a huge well done to them all for their resilience - whether they have been learning at home or school this week.

This term our main topic is the Mayans - both in Geography and History. Please see our curriculum letter and jigsaw for more details. We have added lots of '2Dos' to Purple Mash which the children know how to access. These include video links, activities and a copy of the jigsaw as well as weekly spellings for those children learning at home.

Although it is our Guided Reading book for after half term, we have started reading Wonder to the class via Teams so they are familiar with it ready for next half term. If the children have a copy then they are welcome to follow along - but at the same pace as we are reading please! The film, Wonder, is available on Netflix and Disney Plus and would be good for the children to watch too.

HELPING CHILDREN WITH HOME LEARNING

With such busy lives, it is easy for home learning to become a pressure for both parents and children. It can result in arguments, falling out and lack of learning. Parents end up being too involved, and children become reliant on their parent's input. In this session, parents will get some tips on how to make the whole thing run more smoothly and to ensure their children remain responsible for it.

Here is the Eventbrite link:

<https://westgatehomelearning.eventbrite.co.uk>

Online Safety

Please do follow these links for information about how to support your child with digital safety:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

We are aware many children may have received digital presents and we are keen to support everyone to stay as safe as possible.



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Wishing all our Westgate families a very Happy New Year. Here's to a healthier and less complex 2021.

A huge thank you to your children for their patience and resilience this week. They have all been fantastic and we are so proud of them.

Thank you for all the generous food donations for Winchester Basics Bank you brought in on the last day of term. We collected 50 crates of food! Amazing!

Kind regards,

Mrs Woodall

Head of Primary Phase