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Year R Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2018

Dear Parents,

Here at West Winch Primary School we welcome and encourage the important link between home and school. We would like you to be fully involved with your child's education. This letter is to inform you of the topics, curriculum content and homework your child will be working through during the next few weeks.

Class Topics

The main class topics we will be covering this term are:

- **Autumn 1st half - Myself (Main Focus: PSED) Role Play:** Classroom, Home, Fish & Chip Shop, Village Shop & Post Office, Pizza Delivery Van
- **Autumn 2nd half - Colour & Shape (Main Focus: Expressive Arts & Design) Role Play:** Witches' Cave, Bonfire, Hot Dog Stall, Sweet Stall, Father Christmas' Workshop, Christmas Sitting Room, Father Christmas' Grotto & Nativity Stable

We would love to be able to borrow any artefacts or have donations of relevant items linked to these topic areas i.e. photos of them as babies, their favourite toy/story/DVD etc information/story books about the topics, etc. PLEASE talk to your child about the topics we will be covering i.e. what you can do now that you couldn't do when you were a baby, body parts, what happens to you when you exercise, what foods are healthy and make you grow etc. All items brought into school will be looked after and returned safely – but please name them!

P.D.

Children in Reception have yoga on a Monday and multi-skills on a Wednesday. A full P.D. kit (as listed in the school prospectus) should be kept in school at all times. If you take it home to wash on a Friday please ensure it is returned to school on a Monday morning.

General

Every child in the Rhinos class has now been given a reading book to take home. When you listen to your child read, please feel free to write a comment in their reading diary. It helps us to know not only if they have read at home, but how well they have read as books are changed regularly on a Monday and Thursday. Reading books should be kept in your child's reading folder (which can be purchased online) and brought into school daily.

As part of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum, your child will be able to access the outdoor learning environment in all weathers. Therefore, they will need appropriate clothing such as wet weather clothes, wellies and a hat, scarf and gloves. These items can stay in school on your child's peg in a bag labelled with their name.

Can I also take this opportunity to ask you to name every item that your child brings to school because if something gets lost, it is a lot easier to reunite it with the rightful owner!!!

If your child comes to school on a bike, please could you make sure they wear a cycle helmet as we do encourage safe cycling.

I have had several children's Learning Journeys and Transition Reports from their nursery or pre-school already but if you have not yet passed them on to me, please could you do so and I will return them to you in due course. These are invaluable for assessing where your child is at with their development and where their strengths and weaknesses are in order to move their learning on at a level appropriate to them.

Finally, I am really pleased with how the children have settled into school life - it is as if they have been at West Winch Primary School for years! I also would like to thank you all for encouraging your child's independence by saying your good-byes to them when they line up on the playground in the mornings and not following them into school.

I hope you have found this letter useful. This is the first Reception curriculum letter and a letter will be sent home in the Spring Term 2019 to inform you of new topics and class information for that term. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to speak to me about it either before or after school or alternatively, you can contact me to make an appointment. Many thanks for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely,

K. Todd

Miss Keelen Todd
Year R Class Teacher