



Westacre Middle School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

At Westacre Middle School, we are keen for parents and carers to be involved in their child's learning as much as possible. We feel it is very important that you are fully aware of what children are learning in school. With this in mind, we will again be sending home termly curriculum letters throughout this school year.

For this term's letter, we would like to share the following key information about the Westacre curriculum:

- We teach all subjects included within the National Curriculum which includes: English, Mathematics, Science, Computing, Art, Design Technology (DT), Geography, History (in Years 5 & 6 these four subjects are combined within their Creative Curriculum lessons, while in Year 7 the curriculum combines History and Geography during Humanities lessons), Music, Modern Foreign Languages (French), Physical Education (PE), Religious Education (through our Religion & Worldviews lessons) and Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE).
- We will ensure that the children have a broad and balanced curriculum with a varied diet of learning not only knowledge and content but developmental skills and characteristics which will stand them in good stead for their future education.
- The Westacre curriculum has three main curriculum drivers - aspirations, communication and diversity. As well as teaching the necessary skills and knowledge from the National Curriculum, all lessons in school will have some link to at least one of these key areas, which we feel will equip all of the children well for the future.
- Alongside this letter, you will receive an overview of what your child will be learning across the curriculum. This will include a Curriculum Jigsaw detailing the skills your child will be developing in both core subjects and foundation subjects during the current Autumn term, as well the Knowledge Web for your child's current Creative Curriculum topic (a term's work, around a theme or idea, predominantly within their Art, Design Technology, Geography and History lessons) in Key Stage 2 or Humanities topic in Year 7.
- The Knowledge Web represents the main knowledge (facts) that children will be taught and challenged to recall in their lessons, as part of a planned scheme of learning and enquiry, and how they overlap and inter-link (hence web) within those four subjects. Each subject covers a range of concepts and ideas, split into appropriate knowledge categories that are repeated within and across our year groups. Children's recall of these facts will be assessed in a variety of ways in school, including, "Can We Still?" questions and low stakes quizzes throughout the term.
- Within the attached Knowledge Web for your child's year group this term, please also note the key vocabulary for their current topic on a separate page. Those marked with * are the six most important words and definitions all pupils will work towards applying correctly in class. These words and key spellings will help pupils have a better understanding of what they are learning in all subjects.
- Please note that all of the Knowledge Webs for the current term have been uploaded to our school website at <https://www.westacre-middle-school.co.uk/curriculum-knowledge-webs/> should parents also wish to find out more about the knowledge children will be developing in Computing, MFL, Music, PE, PSHE, R&W and Science lessons.

We hope these jigsaws and webs will be beneficial for you to support your child's learning and engagement with their learning at home. Should you have any further questions about our curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, Head of Year or myself.

Many thanks,
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