



Summer Term Curriculum

Dear Parents and 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 have been sending home termly curriculum letters throughout this school year.

As with last term's letter, you will receive an overview of what your child will be learning across the curriculum alongside this letter. This will include a Curriculum Jigsaw detailing the skills your child will be developing in both core subjects and foundation subjects during the current summer 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). For this summer term, we are returning to a full, broad and balanced curriculum with children having regular access to learning in all subjects of the National Curriculum. However, on-going guidance and our Covid-19 risk assessment may result in some adaptations to our normal lesson planning.

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.

Along with the attached Knowledge Web for your child's year group this term, please also note the key vocabulary for their current topic. 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 students have a better understanding of what they are learning in all subjects.

As mentioned in previous curriculum newsletters, our teachers have been working hard on developing similar webs for all foundation subjects across the curriculum to support learning and knowledge acquisition in these lessons as well. I am pleased to be able to confirm that the Knowledge Webs for the current summer term have been uploaded to our school website at <https://www.westacre-middle-school.co.uk/curriculum-knowledge-webs/> should parents wish to find out more about the knowledge children will be developing in Computing, Ethics, MFL, Music, PE, PSHE 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.

Yours in partnership,

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