



Summer Term Curriculum

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm writing to you as part of the final curriculum newsletter of this school year - how quickly time goes by!

Some of the highlights of our curriculum last term were the History Man visit and lessons in the Cooking Room in Year 5, the What A Wonderful World topic launch and writing letters to different world embassies in Year 6, then some exciting investigations in the Science Lab and a hugely successful Enterprise Project in Year 7!! On another positive note, it's also really encouraging that so many more children across school have been assessed by their teachers as achieving Age Related Expectations and/or Greater Depth Standard across all subjects of our wider curriculum in comparison to the previous term.

As with last term's letter, you will receive an overview of what your child will be learning across the curriculum alongside this letter in the form of a Curriculum Jigsaw detailing the skills your child will be developing in both core subjects and foundation subjects during the current Summer term.

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 across the wider curriculum in school. For children in Key Stage 2, this includes 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). Following positive pupil and staff feedback about the curriculum changes for our oldest year group last term, Year 7's curriculum will continue to have a more subject-specific focus this term as they continue their Key Stage 3 journey. You will therefore notice that our Year 7 children have a separate knowledge web for each subject they study. The webs represent 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 each subject. 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.

We now look forward to a new term of exciting learning, which has started with Year 5 taking part in a Dance workshop and exploring how transport has changed over time and the importance of canals in the local area and Year 6 exploring OS maps or the impact propaganda has had in the past. Year 7 have been exploring the work of composer Mason Bates, known for his striking film scores in the horror genre, in Music and the history of the Channel Tunnel in MFL lessons, before this week enjoying all of the challenges that Experiences Week brings! As part of our ongoing collaboration with Droitwich Spa High School and in preparation for their curriculum next year, Year 7's timetable for the summer term will include an additional, third weekly Science lesson. As usual, please keep checking in on the Year Group Pages of our website at <https://www.westacre-middle-school.co.uk/year-group-pages-1/>, as well as our social media channels at <https://www.facebook.com/westacremiddleschool> or <https://www.instagram.com/westacremiddle/> for regular updates about our curriculum!

Yours in partnership,

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