



Spring Term Curriculum

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Some of the highlights of our curriculum last term were Explorer Day and the planetarium visit in Year 5, Greek Day and cooking Tzatziki & Flat Bread in Year 6, then exploring the work of the artist Grayson Perry and visiting The Commandery in Year 7. On another positive note, it's also really encouraging that so many 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. Subject leaders and class teachers have now analysed teacher assessments across all subjects of our curriculum, helping us to inform planning and identify target areas of learning for the term ahead.

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 Spring 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 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 subjects. 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. 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.

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 the children have a better understanding of what they are learning in all subjects.

We now look forward to a new term of exciting learning, which has started with the History Man visit and investigating materials and their properties in Year 5, and a topic launch day in Year 6 which involved the children entering a departure lounge and being greeted by a pilot and cabin crew, ready to take them on a journey around the world! In Year 7, the children have been maturely discussing the current issues in our world and have been exploring the work of William Shakespeare by reading and performing scenes from Romeo and Juliet.

Yours in partnership,

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