



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, 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 be in the form of a newly-designed Learning Journey document detailing the skills your child will be developing in both core subjects and foundation subjects during the current Autumn term.
- Please note that you can also find all of the Knowledge Webs for the current term on 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
- The Knowledge 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 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.

We hope these documents 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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