

Bags

Currently, your child does not need a bag in school. Over the coming term, we will be providing your child with a free black book bag when we are ready to send your child's reading and phonics book home. Your child should have been provided with a free water bottle and P.E kit. P.E kits are to be kept at school and water bottles should be brought to school daily.

P.E Days:

In Autumn A, we will have P.E on Thursday mornings. We should already have your child's P.E kit with sandshoes in school which we will keep in school for the term.

Please label every item of clothing.

For health and safety reasons your child not wear earrings or jewellery at school.

Lunch

Lunch is free for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. We encourage you to pre-order your child's school lunch at home. If you are unable to do this, don't worry this is something we check each morning. Milk is free for children up until the term before they turn 5. If you for wish for your child to have milk you will need to order and pay termly. If you are entitled to free school meals you may still wish to apply for this as it entitles your child to free milk

Learning Journals

We will continue building an on-line Learning Journal (via Tapestry) with your child over the course of the year, which will include examples of learning in school, such as photos and short video clips. We hope you will be able to share some of your child's learning at home with us too. There is the opportunity for you to download this as a PDF file at the end of the year. If you should need any further support to set this up please see a member of staff.



with Mrs Milne, Miss Watson and Miss Costello



Our Topics This Year:

Autumn A

- 1 – Wonderful West End
- 2 – Marvellous Me

Autumn B

- 1 –Elmer's Colourful Celebrations

Spring A

- 1 – Are You Afraid Of The Big Bad Wolf?

Spring B

- 1 – How Does Your Garden Grow?

Summer A

- 1 – Imagine!

Summer B

- 1 – If You Go Down To The Woods Today...

Literacy/ Maths

We will use our assessments to pick an appropriate starting point for your child.

In Literacy we will be working on reading and writing through the Jolly Phonics Scheme and learning some words by sight.

In Maths we will be learning to count, recognise numbers and calculate within 20.

Parent Contact

If you need to inform your child's class teacher of any appointments or small matters, please do so when you bring your child to school in the morning, or collect your child at the end of the day. If you do not bring or collect your child, please phone the office and leave a message or send a note with your child. We will use Tapestry, Facebook or the School's Website to inform you of your child's learning, class organisation or general information. Newsletters will now be paperless. To view them please go to our website www.westend.northumberland.sch.uk

Learning

Alongside your child's adult directed teaching sessions, they will learn through building positive relationships with their peers and adults as well as accessing high quality resources within the classroom and garden areas. We will assess how the children learn through identifying their characteristics of effective learning and will intervene in their play to support their development.

Year 1 Computing: Over the coming weeks, Year 1 children will be provided with Athletics, Spellodrome and School 360 passwords.

Important Information

Please ensure that water bottles are only filled with plain water. This is part of our healthy school policy.

We appreciate you following our new dropping off and picking up procedures and with your help they have been running smoothly. Just a quick reminder...

8:40-8:50AM Please enter and exit via the ramp. The doors will close at **8:50AM** so please ensure your child is at school within this time.

3:00PM- Enter school via the car park, wait at a social distance in the playground and exit via the car park. If you are running late please inform the office.