



THE FEDERATION OF BROUGHTON AND WEST TYTHERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOLS

West Tytherley CE Primary School, West Tytherley, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 1JX

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our school. It has been so lovely to see everyone's happy faces again. I am looking forward to the academic year and being Chestnut class teacher.

Our main focusses for the next two half-terms will be 'Toys', from a historical perspective, and 'My School – Local Area', from a geography perspective. We will be exploring toys from the present and the past and establishing similarities and differences. For 'My School', we will explore our local environment, the features and any local landmarks from the area.

We are fortunate to have Forest Schools/Outdoor Learning running on a **Wednesday afternoon**. Please be aware this will run regardless of the weather. Waterproofs, wellies and a change of shoes are advised in wet weather and sun hats and sun cream in sunnier weather.

PE lessons will continue to be on a **Thursday afternoon** so please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit for these days. It is advisable to have PE kit in school at all times so that we can be flexible when we need to. A reminder also that long hair should be tied back in school and no jewellery should be worn so please ensure your child is able to remove or secure any jewellery they may be wearing.

Below I have outlined some homework that the children will be bringing home:

Homework

Reading: This year we will continue to read with your child three times in a week and then send your child's book home. The children will also be responsible for picking a sharing book from our book corner or library to take home. This sharing book can be changed as frequently as it needs to be. It is important for the children to read out loud to an adult at home. This needs to be done as frequently as possible and recorded in their blue reading diary. This year I have set up a reading challenge where I will look in the children's reading diary on a Friday and if they have read five times to an adult at home during that week they will receive a raffle ticket. This will be placed in a draw and two winners a week will be chosen to play board games with a member of staff.

In addition to this the children will receive the following homework tasks:

Times Tables: Having a good grasp of times tables and quick recall is an extremely helpful tool for children when approaching maths work. Since this is really achieved through repetition and rote learning, time spent on these at home is very valuable. We will continue to encourage the children to complete their times tables challenge books and have added in a new way to practice. The children will be given a log-in to Times Tables Rock Stars, a game that can be accessed on both computer and tablet. A separate letter will accompany this one to give details of how it will work.

If you do not wish for your child to complete any home learning on a device, we can offer written activities to complete. Please contact me if this is the case and I will make the arrangements.

Homework will be monitored through a 'smiley' grid. Each smiley will earn the children one house point. This will be to boost their motivation with their work at home.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do catch me after school or arrange an appointment via the school office. I hope the children enjoy the term and I hope you will also enjoy hearing about what we have been getting up to in class.

Kind regards,

Miss Hayter