

Year 1 Autumn 2

We hope you have had a relaxing break and are ready for all the exciting things ahead this half term!

Staff: Mrs Evans, Mrs Tibbets, Mrs Bhorjee, Miss Timpany, Miss Plummer,

Reminders:

Beech—Wednesday and Thursday.

Yew— Monday and Thursday.

Please come to school in PE kit on these days.

Can all children keep spare underwear and/or clothes in their bag just in case.

Please label all clothes and belongings with your child's name.

NO FOREST SCHOOL THIS HALF TERM.

If you need to speak to your child's class teacher for any reason, please make contact via the year group emails.

These are checked on a daily basis after school and will be responded to as soon as possible. The year 1 email address is

year1a@westfield.staffs.sch.uk



English

In school we will:

- ⇒ read and perform poetry based on rhymes such as 'The House that Jack Built.
- ⇒ discover and identify features of poems—repeating phrases and rhymes.
- ⇒ apply features of a narrative to tell an exciting story.
- ⇒ Write a letter to Father Christmas including exclamations and questions.
- ⇒ continue with daily phonics sessions.

Maths

In school we will:

- ◆ Continue to practise counting forwards and backwards to 20.
- ◆ Investigate strategies for addition and subtraction including counting on and counting back.
- ◆ Recall number bonds to and within 10.
- ◆ Find all addition and subtraction number sentences in fact families.



Reading at home

- There are two types of reading book that your child will bring home:
 - A reading practice book. This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently.
 - A sharing book. Your child will not be able to read this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together.
- Further books have been assigned to your child and are available online on the Collins website. Login details are in your child's reading diary.
- Please read other books at home to continue practise.
- Please practise flashcards and tricky words too.



Creative Theme

Memory Box

Our next topic is Memory Box where we will be investigating the past. We will be looking at events in children's past and present and those of their families.

History

It is time to become historians and research how life has changed from toys to fashion to transport. We will be exploring how we have changed and what we can remember about our lives.



Design Technology

It's time to get creative by designing and making a toy from the past. Using recycling materials we will design and make a toy from years gone by and evaluate our design.



Music

Let the music play! We will be singing together, accompanying our song using percussion instruments and composing our own verses.



RE

There are lots of special ceremonies in different religions. What are they for? What happens? How do they make people feel?



PSHE

Our theme for this half term is Happy and Healthy Me.

How can we keep our bodies healthy? We will name our body parts and look at different ways we can keep our body and mind healthy. How have we changed since we were babies and what happens when you get older?



French

Bonjour! —We will be learning vocabulary to describe people and animals.



Homework

As part of our topic, we have chosen these tasks for the children to complete at home. The children must complete at least one of these tasks but they can complete as many as they like! Children can email homework in at any time to the year group email address or bring it to class to show. We love to see all their work from home!

Make your own memory box. Decorate however you like and fill it with things that are special to you.	Make your own family tree showing all your family members with drawings and labels.
Draw a self portrait. Can you make it look realistic?	Ask your parents or grandparents if they have any photographs of themselves as babies. Can you tell it's them? What differences do you notice in the clothing, furniture or hairstyles in
Put some of your own toys in chronological order. Which is the oldest?	Write a memory of a celebration you have been to. It can be a party, wedding, christening or special event or day.