

Whiteknights Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

To give you a clearer picture of the areas of the curriculum that we are covering this term, we have attached an outline of the subjects that we plan to teach. In addition, we have set out a few reminders that will help the term run smoothly and enable your child to make the best possible progress with their learning.

The expectations for home learning are as follows:

- Spellings: Throughout the year, the children will be working through a scheme of work to help learn the different spelling rules. Each week, the children will be given weekly 'Log and Learn' spellings with a test on a Wednesday.
- Reading: We expect the children to read at home every day and record this in their diary (please follow the guidance of page 19 of your child's home learning diary). The children can pick a book to read from the selection available in their classroom (within their ZPD) and once read, they are to complete an Accelerated Reader quiz. Diaries will be checked regularly and signed on a Friday.
- Maths: Two Century nuggets will be set weekly on a Wednesday. Pupils should now please log into Century using the school Google login found in pupils' home learning diary.

Home learning diaries should be in school every day as they will be checked, referred to and used regularly.

Please ensure that your child adheres to these deadlines, as it is good preparation for Year 6 and secondary school.

As per school policy, children are not required to bring in additional equipment such as pencil cases and backpacks. We will continue to provide each child with the necessary stationery in their school packs. We are keen to promote healthy eating at Whiteknights, and request that children bring a healthy snack (fresh fruit or vegetables only) to eat during morning break. Please refer to the weekly newsletter for regular updates about items permitted in school.

Attendance: We expect children to aim to have 100% attendance at school. Obviously, illness cannot be avoided but if in doubt, please send your child to school and make sure your contact details are up to date with the school office.

PE: A PE kit must be in school during the week for the children to wear for these lessons and taken home to be washed after. Trainers must be worn and, during the winter weather, black tracksuit trousers/jogging bottoms and a warm jumper should be included. All pupils must wear a white school PE shirt. These can be purchased from the school office. PE will currently be indoor on Tuesday and outdoor on Wednesday.

Winchester Science Museum: This term we have the exiting opportunity to attend Winchester Science Museum on 28th November. Due to our Science topic being space, this museum is the perfect place to widen the children's experience and learning because of its planetarium and workshops available. We have set a home learning project just before the half term holiday to represent the solar system using their creativity. This is due on 29th November (the day after the trip).

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Kind regards,

Miss Gater and Mrs Betts (Year 5 Team)













