



January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you had an enjoyable holiday period.

Learning

In **English** we are beginning the term by reading *Supertato* by Paul Linnet and Sue Hendra. We will then start reading about everyday superheroes before moving onto *The Secret Sky Garden* by Linda Sarah and *The Gigantic Turnip* by Aleksey Nikolayevich and Levin Kipnis.



In **Reading** the children will continue to work in their *Little Wandle* reading groups as well as receiving daily phonics sessions.



In **Maths** we will be having a focusing on Place Value up to 20 and adding and subtracting. Our **Science** topic is *Materials* in the first half term and *Plants* in the second half term. We will also continue to discuss seasonal change.

This term year 1 will be teaching a history unit in the first half term and a geography unit in the second half term. We have redesigned our history and geography curriculum this year, and we will soon be able to share with you the new "Knowledge Organiser" for our unit of learning. You can read more about this in the WHPS Weekly published on 24th January. Year 1's history unit is **Heroes** and their geography unit is **In the Secret Garden**.

You can find out more about all of our school curriculum by visiting the "[Our Curriculum > Y1 to Y6 curriculum](#)" section on the new school website.

Home Learning

We will continue to send home learning each Friday.

The children will receive:

- 'Maths with Parents' work set online
- 'Words of the Week' sheet

In addition to weekly home learning, the children should return their reading books to school each **Thursday** so they can be changed.



Uniform and PE Lessons

Make-up and jewellery, with the exception of stud ear-rings and a watch are not allowed. All children are expected to wear full school uniform at all times. PE for Year 1 will be on a Friday. Children will need to come to school wearing a PE kit and a pair of trainers. If there is a medical reason that your child is unable to do PE please send in a signed note or contact the office.

We would like to remind you that school and learning starts at **9:00**. The gates will be open at 8:50. The school day ends at 3:30.

We look forward to continuing working with both you and your children. If you should have any general questions regarding the year ahead, please do not hesitate to contact us through year1@westhampstead.camden.sch.uk

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