



The Emmaus Federation



Welcome to Westminster

Autumn Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your child/children have all had a relaxing summer and that they are looking forward to the beginning of a new school year full of fun and learning! We are really looking forward to meeting you all!

Drop off/Pick Up

The day will continue as normal with the children coming in through the KS1 gate which will be open at **8.35am**. Please bring your child to the KS1 playground. The bell will ring at **8.40am**, at which point the children will line up in their classes and be led inside by their class teacher for the register. The KS1 gate will then be opened at **3:10pm** and the children will be collected from the classroom door at **3.15pm**.

Geography

In Geography this term we will be studying 'Wonderful Weather' where the children will learn all about how the weather is different all around the world. We will also be learning about how the weather affects us, how we can forecast it and the adverse effects of extreme weather.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about different habitats for animals. We will explore at how the environment changes during each season. We will also be researching about how animals adapt to their environment changing across the seasons.

Reading and Phonics

The children will be taught daily phonics using our fantastic scheme Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised. The children will come home with their phonics books on a **Friday**, and these will include sounds that your child has learnt, and they will have shared the book with an adult in school before they bring it home. As a result of this, your child should be able to read it independently. In addition to the phonics book, they will also take home a 'sharing' book that they will **not** be able to read independently and is designed to be shared with a grown-up. They may, of course, choose to read something they have at home for this instead.

Little Wandle books will be sent home on a Friday from **week 2**. Please return the book on the following **Friday**. The books we have purchased are a valuable resource and we kindly ask that you keep the books in good condition so they last as long as possible. Sharing books will be changed on a **Monday** and **Wednesday**.

Every child will have a 'Home School Record' with their reading books for yourself to record when your child has read. Dojo points are awarded for daily reading, but only if the home school record is signed. If the home school record is not signed, or if the book is not returned to school, your child will not be able to choose a different book.

P.E.

PE will take place every week on a **Monday** morning. Please send your child to school in their PE kit with their school uniform and school shoes in a separate bag ready to get changed into after PE. All of your child's school uniform, shoes and PE kit must be named. The P.E kit should be appropriate for indoor and outdoor P.E and should consist of a **white t-shirt and black shorts**.

Homework

Homework will be given out each Friday **from week 2** in the homework folder and is expected back in school on the following Wednesday.

Fruit and Water

The children will be given a healthy snack (a piece of fruit) each day. We encourage drinking water regularly so please send your child in with fresh water every day in their named water bottle.

Picking up after school

If someone other than the usual person will be picking up your child after school, please let us know.

The class Dojo page is set up and should be in full working order (if you do experience any problems, contact the school office as soon as possible and we will try to resolve this). We will check Dojo regularly and reply to messages promptly, however **any messages sent in the evenings (after 6pm) or at the weekend will be responded to the next working day.**

Kind regards,

Ms Suddards-Street and Mrs Kemp 😊

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