



West Ham Church Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely two weeks we've had teaching and learning our new topics—as you will see from the teachers' curriculum information sheets. We hope you will support your children at home encouraging them to read frequently, practise spellings and complete homework to a high standard and hand in on time, thank you.

It was a pleasure meeting parents for a cup of tea and chat last Wednesday. I will be holding a Headteacher's Update and Parent Forum once each half term and I do hope to get to know all our families. I am interested in your views and hope to involve parents more in the future.

Warm regards
Mrs James

Creative Writing Projects in School

This term, teachers are working closely with poets, writers and storytellers from the Discover Children's Story Centre:

Catching Words, a nine week literacy programme for Year 3 & 4 inspires a love of creative writing, encourages oracy and builds confidence. Pupils work together to write and illustrate a book. Later, each pupil receives a copy of the professionally printed book. There is an end-of-project visit to the Discover Centre (more information to follow).

Story Slam, for Year 5, brings storytellers and artists into the classroom to inspire a love of oral storytelling, and to build confidence in creative writing and public speaking. Aimed at Years 5, it is a six-week literacy intervention, led by a Discover Story Builder. There will be a school assembly for pupils to showcase work to their peers and practise storytelling with an audience and an end of project Story Slam event in prestigious cultural venue (more information to follow).

Parent View is an online questionnaire for you to give your views about the school at any time of the year. We really value your views and it would be very useful for us to know what you think of our school given the changes in leadership and school improvement planning due to take place. It's easy. It's quick.



Parent View
Your Child's School

<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

New Handwriting Scheme: Letter-join

Here at West Ham Church Primary School, we are very proud of our pupil's handwriting and take particular care in our cursive/joined-up handwriting style. We are now using Letter-join as the basis of our handwriting policy that covers all the requirements of the 2014 National Curriculum.

Handwriting is a basic skill that influences the quality of work throughout the curriculum. We aim to make handwriting an automatic process that does not interfere with creative and mental thinking. Please see the attached for help at home.

Cursive Lower Case Letters

a b c d e

f g h i j k

l m n o p

q r s t u

v w x y z