



West Ham Church School

With God all things are possible

Key Stage 1

Weekly News Page
Autumn 1, Week 7
15th October 2021



Wonder, Harmony, Compassion, Strength

School Vision

Our vision is to enable children, with God's guidance, to know and appreciate the **wonder** of God's creation, to live in **harmony** embracing differences, to always act with **compassion** inspired by the example of Jesus, and to have the **strength** to follow their dreams and achieve their goals.

Prayer Space

A prayer from the team at All Saints Church

Father God, you created a really beautiful world and you asked mankind to take care of it.

But people have not always cared for creation as they should, and it is suffering.

Please show us ways, big and small, to love and care for your creation as we should.



Amen.

Key Stage 1 Staff

Year 2:

Squirrels Class ~ Mr. Dickey
Phase Leader

Hedgehogs Class ~ Mrs. Jordan

Year 1:

Dragonflies Class ~ Miss Upson

Butterflies Class ~ Mrs. Baleka

Teaching Assistants

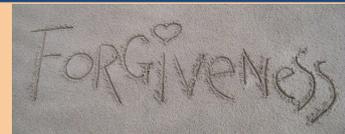
Mrs Adu-Gyamfi, Ms Nesbitt,
Mrs Chowdhury and Mrs Dosti

Whilst we are available for any quick questions about your child at the end of the school day, please be mindful that we need to dismiss all the children safely. Please contact the school office if you have a question that requires more of our time.

Value

Our school value this term is
generosity

Collective Worship



In Collective Worship this week, we have spoken about protecting God's world. The Year 5 Collective Worship team helped us understand the importance of forgiveness, and the difference this can make in our lives.

We have also refreshed our knowledge of personal safety, and watched the NSPCC "Talk Pants" video.

Each week we listen to the same piece of classical music so that we can become familiar with it. This week we have listened to The Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy from the Nutcracker Suite by Tchaikovsky.

We have also enjoyed learning to sing the gospel song 'This Little Light of Mine' - the lyrics are at the back of this news page if you want to sing along at home!



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Parent Consultations

Please book a telephone parent consultation slot via the office.



Please be aware that the teachers will be available after school on **Monday 18th and Wednesday 20th October 2021.**

Science Ambassador

We have been inundated with applications for the school science ambassadors. The winner will be revealed on Monday during assembly

Clubs

We have new clubs running this term after school:

Monday

- Multi sports

Tuesday

- Explorers

Wednesday

- Gardening

Thursday

- Sewing



If you would like your child to attend a club, please call Mrs Adam in the school office.

Reminder

Children should also bring a red book bag and a water bottle to school every day. Please note that rucksacks are not permitted in school.

Quote of the Week

"Courage is contagious."
Michelle Obama

Black History Month

At West Ham Church School we celebrate Black history and achievements throughout the year, rather than restricting ourselves to Black History Month.

This term, KS1 children have been learning about Black history through a great selection of books we have in our school library and in the stories that teachers read to the children at the end of the day. During our guided reading sessions, we have also been looking at influential Black figures from across history. Next term, we are excited to read '*Amazing Grace*'. This book will be the focus of our reading and writing curriculum and explores culture in Africa and tells us that with support, we can be whoever we want to be.





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Key Stage 1 Curriculum Information



English

This week we have been looking at postcards and letter formation. The children have been looking at the beginning, middle and ending of letters in preparation for writing their own next week.

Maths

We will have our first 'rock battle' between Squirrels and Hedgehogs this week on Times Tables Rockstars!

Squirrels were the winners!

Year 2 children need to know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables by the end of this year. Please help encourage children to learn them by heart. All children have been sent their login details to Rockstars!

Curriculum

As part of our geography topic 'Our Wonderful World', children have enjoyed exploring what is geography as well as looking at the four countries of the United Kingdom, and what their flags look like.

Focus Text

We are reading 'Olga da Polga' by Michael Bond.



Word of the Week:

nook

Challenge Questions:

1. How do you think Olga sees the world from the ground?
2. Do you think Olga would try to make Fangio envious?

Year 1 Spellings

part
cart
market
urn
burn
turn
now
cow

Year 2 Spellings

mind
floor
because
kind
behind
whole
any
child
wild
most

Homework

English

1. Practise this week's spellings.
2. Read Big Cat book and library book (please remember to bring back your reading books by Tuesday).
3. Complete the activity in your homework books.

Maths:

Complete the worksheet provided which reinforces addition and subtraction.

Project

Black History Month

This week we have been looking at different influential people to learn more about Black history. We would like you to research about a significant person. You need to find out more about their life, achievements, and the impact they have had on the world. Using your letter writing skills to write a letter as this person telling your class all about the influential person you have chosen.



This week's Top Ten

1. Egehan
2. Muhammad
Mukhtar
3. Ismail
4. Mohammad
Ibrahim
5. Abubakar
6. Victor
7. Luqman
8. Maxim
9. Faiza
10. Zain

On this page, we would like to celebrate the children's achievements in and out of school. Parents, please do let us know if you are particularly pleased with something your child has achieved at home, we would like to recognise:

- ❖ Good behaviour
- ❖ Excellent attitude to learning
- ❖ Progress
- ❖ High quality work
- ❖ Awards



This week the award goes to:

Maxim

for showing **wonder** in his approach to learning.



Squirrels: Safa has been making lots of progress in all her learning.

Hedgehogs: Daisy has been working hard within the class in all her lessons.

Butterflies: Amelia has been trying really hard in maths lessons.

Our Work!



The children have been enjoying learning inside and outside the classroom. For history, we created timelines by ordering significant events and for English we used our school as a story setting and imagined seeing things from a guinea pig's perspective.





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WHCS Song Sheet

“This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Oh, this little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine,
Let it shine.



Out in the dark,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Oh, out in the dark,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Out in the dark,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine,
Let it shine!

Everywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Oh, everywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine,
Let it shine!