



Purple Area News!



Happy New Year & welcome to the Purple Area. The staff working in our area this term are: Miss Mason, Mrs Robbins, Mr Williams, Miss Morton, Miss Acheson, Mrs Watson, Mrs Mallion, Miss Larkin, Mrs Clasper, Mrs Cole, Mrs Griffin, Mrs Gower, Mrs Kerr, Mr Jarvill, Madame Modem, Mrs Andrews....and of course Fluffy the hamster!



Purple Area Key Dates

Year 4 Swimming starts Tuesday 17th January (P4M) and Thursday 19th January (P4W)

Westfield Primary Academy Parents Evening 2nd and 3rd February

Year 4 Sugar Show and Parent assembly 9th February (more information available soon)

Year 3 Parent assembly Thursday 16th March



Purple 3 Spring Term

This term we will be studying different fiction and non-fiction texts in Talk for Writing. These will include persuasive, informative pieces of writing and stories.

As well as this, we will be learning about different ways to multiply and divide in Maths alongside telling the time and working with fractions.

Our topic this term is Saving the World. We look forward to incorporating Science, Geography, DT, Music, Art and more into these lessons.

We shall be doing PE throughout the week. So, please send your child's PE kit in on a Monday, which can then be taken home on Friday.

Purple 4 Spring Term

Across the Spring term, Year 4 will be developing our understanding of fractions, time, decimals and money. Through Talk for Writing, we will be exploring a variety of non-fiction and fiction text.

Our topic this term, to support many curriculum areas, is Active Planet—volcanoes and earthquakes.

Through Science, we will be exploring states of matter and habitats.

PE will vary for both classes so please ensure your child has a named PE kit in school every Monday.

We are introducing Literacy Planet across the school, which year 4's have been trialling for us during the Autumn term. More details and logins will be available soon.

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Important Information and Reminders

COMING INTO SCHOOL

Children enter through their classroom doors from 8.50am but don't forget the doors are locked at 9.00am ready to work! Children start every day with handwriting.

UNIFORM

All children need a pair of named **black school shoes**. Can you please make sure that the shoes are waterproof. If you send your child in wearing wellies can they also have their black shoes with them.

Please ensure **all uniform** is named including coats and jackets.



READING

Thank you for your continued help in supporting your child in learning to read. Please continue to help your child with this at home by asking them two questions and recording their answers in their reading diary. They don't have to read an entire book each night, just a few pages will do. Make sure this time is settled and happy, it should be a time you all look forward to. Try and set a special time for it every day.



HOMEWORK

Reading—All children are expected to read at home everyday. Please fill in the reading diary when you have heard your child read. **Further information about the new reading scheme will be shared at parent information sessions.**

Spellings: Children will be introduced to their words of the week on a Monday and continually work on them with in learning time. They will be tested on a Friday. Please look at how their spellings can be used in sentences with your child.

Homework: Homework will relate to what the children are learning in class.

P.E.

Please supply a **named** PE kit in a bag every **Monday**, to be sent home each **Friday**.

PE Kit: house t-shirt, black shorts, plimsolls or trainers (**not school shoes!**). Every child was given their first PE t-shirt free, replacements can be purchased from the school office for £5 from Brigade Clothing.

HEALTHY SNACKS

Break time is a great opportunity to get a learning boost before lunch. Please provide your child with a healthy snack (fruit or veg) for them to have during playtime.

Every Wednesday break time, the Friends of Westfield kindly organise a Healthy Tuck Shop. Children in Key Stage 2 can purchase a snack for 30p. Please ensure money is in a labelled envelope or purse for your child to use at break.

EQUIPMENT & TOYS

Children do not need to bring any pencil cases or stationary equipment to school.

Please keep all toys, Pokémon cards, Match Attacks etc. at home to help children to stay focused on their learning.

Each year group is busy planning and investigating options for educational visits for the coming year. These may take place at school or offsite. All visits are planned to support our continuing learning. Once final decisions are made, we will let you know.