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Topics for next week

We would like to encourage parents to support their child with their learning at home. Should you want more information, please speak to your child's class teacher after school. Please find below the information for the week commencing 26th February.

Class	English	Maths
China	Tiger who came to tea - retelling the story.	Adding.
Japan	Dear Zoo - writing a letter.	Adding.
Australia	Riddles.	Comparing numbers.
France	Riddles.	Counting in 2's and 5's.
Italy	Diary writing - Beegu.	Shape.
Brazil	Myths and Legends.	Measurement and Length.
Mexico	Myths and Legends.	Fractions of amounts.
Canada	Myths and Legends.	Fractions of amounts.
USA	Myths and Legends.	Geometry.
Spain	Poetry.	Fractions.
Portugal	Narrative - The Iron Man.	Algebra.
The Den	Mr Men reading comprehension.	Money addition.

NSPCC - Buddy's big workout

On Wednesday, the NSPCC came into school to talk to the children about how to stay safe. We would like to raise money for this worthwhile charity by participating in a sponsored event. Each class will take part in a 'Dance-a-thon' during one of their PE days next week. Your child has brought home a sponsor form today which will need to be returned with the money by the 5th of March. The children will all receive a badge for taking part and there will also be a special Buddy beach ball for the child who raises the most money. Thanks for your support.



Phonics and Spelling at Westmere

At Westmere, we use the **Read, Write Inc. Phonics and Spelling Program** to teach children phonics and spelling. Read Write Inc. It is a comprehensive literacy programme, weaving decoding,

comprehension, writing and spelling together. **Read Write Inc. Spelling** is a spelling programme based on proven strategies of teacher modelling followed by partner work, to embed learning. The programme covers all the word structures and spelling requirements for Years 2-6. It is built around a series of short, progressive activities and uses partner work to help children learn effectively and recall what they have learnt. You are invited to come into school to see how your child is being taught phonics and spelling this term on the following dates: Key Stage One and Brazil Class parents - Wednesday 14th March (9:05 - 9:30) Key Stage Two parents - Tuesday 13th March (9:05 - 9:30) For more information and tutorials on how to support your child with reading go to: www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/ and for more information on spellings go to: www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/tag/spelling

Read Write Inc.

PE Hoodie

If you would like a second hoodie for your child, they will now be available to order from the school office at a price of £13.00.

Friends of Westmere

Easter Bingo - Thursday 15th March

On Thursday 15th March, there will be a Bingo session at school. The doors open at 6.00 pm with eyes down at 6.30 pm.



Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

On Friday 9th March from 2.30pm to 3pm, we would like to invite you to join your child to have a Mother's Day afternoon tea. The cost will be £3.00 per person for both children and adults. Please fill in the reply slip attached and return it to school with the correct money. Tickets are limited so it will be first come first served. Thank you.



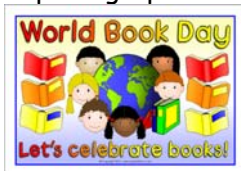
Thursday 1st March - PE Arrangements

World Book Day

There will be no PE lessons on Thursday 1st March. If your child is not dressing up as their favourite character from a book, they will need to come to school in their school uniform.

World Book Day - Thursday 1st March

World Book Day is on Thursday 1st March. Children are encouraged to dress up in their favourite character from a book and bring in a copy of this book, along with a character profile of the person they are dressed as. We are inviting parents into school for 2.45pm, to read books with the children. A class competition is being held, where the children will take a photograph of the most peculiar place to read. These photographs will then be displayed in school. There will be a prize for each class for the best character and photograph.



Cultural Day

Term 4 Cultural Day will be on Wednesday 7th March. The country we will be looking at is Cuba and the afternoon's activities and lunch will be themed around this country. We would like you to encourage your children to have the lunch on this day so that they will be participating in the day's events and be able to try new foods.



Banham Zoo

On Wednesday 7th March, France and Australia Classes will be visiting Banham Zoo. They will be leaving school at 9.00am and return to school for approximately 4.30pm. On Thursday 8th March, China and Japan Classes will also be visiting the zoo. They will be leaving school at 9am and will return to school for approximately 4.30pm. These visits are part of their term 4 topic work. We will need to ask for a voluntary contribution of £10.00 towards the costs of the trip.



Class Visits

During class trips, your child will need a packed lunch in a clearly named plastic bag. If your child is

entitled to a free school meal and you would like us to provide a packed lunch, make sure you tick the box on the reply slip. Make sure that your child has plenty of drink with them on the trip day. **Do not send Fizzy Drinks.** All children must wear their School Uniform unless stated otherwise. The **Facebook page**, 'The Griffin Federation', will be updated on trip days, with arrival back at school times.

Dates for Diary

- 1st March - World Book Day
- 7th March - Cultural Day - Cuba
- 7th March - Banham Zoo - France & Australia Classes
- 8th March - Banham Zoo - China & Japan Classes
- 9th March - KS2 Mother's Day Service
- 9th March - FOW Mother's Day Tea, 2.30pm
- 15th March - FOW Bingo
- 20th March to 22nd March - Young Americans KS2
- 26th March - Parent Evening
- 27th March - Parent Evening
- 28th March - KS1 Easter Service
- 28th March - End of Term 4
- 16th April - Start of Term 5

Yours sincerely

Miss K Wiles
Headteacher

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

Friday 9th March - 2.30pm till 3pm

Child Name: _____ Class: _____

I would like to purchase _____ tickets for the Mother's Day tea at a cost of £3.00 each.

Please enclose the correct money. Thank you.

Signed: _____ Parent/Carer



Banham Zoo
Wednesday 7th March

Name: _____ Class: France/Australia

I give permission for my child to go to the Banham Zoo and have enclosed a contribution of £10.00.

My child is entitled to a free school meal and I would like the packed lunch provided.

Signed: _____ Parent/Carer



Banham Zoo
Thursday 8th March

Name: _____ Class: China/Japan

I give permission for my child to go to the Banham Zoo and have enclosed a contribution of £10.00.

My child is entitled to a free school meal and I would like the packed lunch provided.

Signed: _____ Parent/Carer



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