

# West Barns Primary School



## P5/6 Newsletter May 2023

### Preparation for school

Please ensure that your child has suitable indoor and outdoor clothing. As the playground can get very muddy when it rains, it is important that children also have a pair of **indoor shoes** to wear in the classroom and for indoor PE.

### PE

We have PE twice weekly on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please can the children come dressed in PE kits on these days.

### Allergies

Please be aware that we have children in school with severe allergies. *Children should not bring any product which contains nuts for snack/lunch.*

### Medication

If your child needs to be given medication during the school day, please fill in a medical consent form (school office/website).



### Literacy & English

The children enjoy 20 minutes of Accelerated Reader time in class every day and they also read regularly in reading groups. They are strongly encouraged to take their AR books and reading records home every night for extra practice. Please could you try to sign your child's reading record **three times a week** to confirm that they have been reading at home. Regular spelling practice in class also supports their understanding of spelling patterns and strategies to use when writing. This term we will be learning about procedural and explanation writing while continuing to work towards our "every time we write" targets.



### Interdisciplinary Learning

This term, we are learning about Europe. We have been enjoying using the Eurovision Song Contest as a context for our learning. The children have been working in groups to research a country of their choice, and they have been creating songs, costumes and dances to perform for each other at our own mini Eurovision. Your children can look forward to lots of interdisciplinary learning relating to Europe, including a mixture of social subjects, literacy, art and technology.

### Numeracy and Maths

In numeracy, we will work on developing our understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages. We will also be regularly practicing quick recall of number facts. In maths, we will also be working on our knowledge of position and direction, statistics, and perimeter and area.



### Health and Wellbeing

As part of our Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood learning, P5/6 will be learning about their bodies, feelings and making choices. Miss Hutchison will be taking the P6s for this learning, and I will be taking the P5s.

### Appointments

If you would like to talk about any aspect of your child's learning, please get in touch with the school by phone or email.

Best wishes,

Molly Firth