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Dear Parents and Carers,

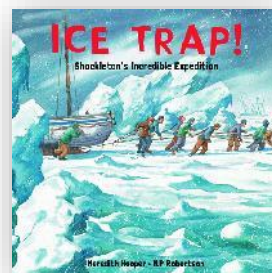
Happy New Year! We hope you had an enjoyable holiday period.

World Book Day

World Book Day will be celebrated this year on Thursday 2nd March, and we are planning a production for Y5 to perform to parents that morning. Timings will be confirmed closer to the time. Your child will have a role in the production and we appreciate your support helping them learn their lines.

Learning

In **English** we are reading: The Ice Trap (by Meredith Hooper) and Cosmic (by Frank Cottrell Boyce) as well as exploring newspapers and how to write a news article. In **Maths** we will be having a focus on decimals. Our **Science** topic is 'Space' during which we will learn about the solar system, space exploration and forces.



This term years 2 to 6 will all be teaching a geography unit. We have redesigned our geography curriculum this year, and we will soon be able to share with you the new "Knowledge Organiser" for our unit of learning. You can read more about this in the WHPS Weekly published on 24th January. Year 5's unit is **Climate Zones**, and will involve learning about the Arctic circle, the Tropics, and a range of places from different climate zones (Heraklion, Kismayo, Tromsø, Dhaka and Rockhampton).

You can find out more about all of our school curriculum by visiting the ["Our Curriculum > Y1 to Y6 curriculum"](#) section on the new school website.

Homework

We will continue to send homework each Friday and this should be returned by Wednesday.

| Homework Set | Homework Due |
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| Friday | Wednesday |

In addition to weekly homework, we expect all children to read for at least 15-20 minutes each day. Reading is a fundamental part of the children's development and it has a positive impact on comprehension skills, writing, maths and many other subjects. Children should complete their reading records to evidence the reading they have done and bring these to school every day where they will be checked by your child's teacher.



Uniform and PE Lessons

Make-up and jewellery, with the exception of stud ear-rings and a watch are not allowed. All children are expected to wear full school uniform at all times. PE for Year 5 will be on a Tuesday. Children will need to come to school wearing a PE kit and a pair of trainers. If there is a medical reason that your child is unable to do PE please send in a signed note or contact the office.

We would like to remind you that school and learning starts at **9:00**. The gates will be open at 8:50. The school day ends at 3:30.

We look forward to continuing working with both you and your children. If you should have any general questions regarding the year ahead, please do not hesitate to contact us through year5@westhampstead.camden.sch.uk

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