

Larch Class Newsletter

YEAR 4 SETTLING IN

Larch Class have quickly settled in to being back at school with smiles on their faces and an enthusiasm to learn. We are well and truly in the routine with all of our new safety measures such as one-way systems and frequent handwashing. I am very proud of how quickly they have settled in.

Autumn Topics

We have started our new books for this half term. They are 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne and an anthology of animal stories from around the world. We are also reading 'The One and Only Ivan' as our class story at the end of the day. Our History topic is Ancient Greece and our Science topic is all about teeth and the digestive system.

Rewards

You may have heard the children talking about Class Dojos and our behaviour board. Our behaviour board is used to remind children about making good choices such as listening, being a good friend, being ready for learning, working hard in class and lining up quietly. Class Dojo is how we reward children for learning behaviours such as great answers, handwriting, reading at home and working on our school values: independence, individuality and using our inquisitive minds! The person with the most dojos each week will receive a prize from the merit box.

NEW FACES

As well as my familiar face, we are lucky to have Mrs. Thompson working with us this year. She has been at Westfield for nearly two years now and knows all of the children well. On Tuesdays and Thursdays (and sometimes Wednesdays), we have Mr. Stein teaching our class. He is currently teaching P.E, French, Music and R.E. to Larch Class.



Reminders

In Larch Class, our P.E. days are Thursday and Friday and the children can come to school in their P.E kits. We are also doing 'The Daily Mile' as often as possible to improve our fitness.



It has been wonderful to see so many eager readers already. Each morning, we check children's reading diaries and the children receive a double class dojo for reading. They will receive a certificate for every 10 reads. We would like children to be reading at least five times per week and this can be a combination of their book band book, their class library book, books from home, magazines, comic books or any other reading.

Another fabulous learning tool we have in school is Times Tables Rockstars. The game carefully selects the times tables that your child needs to practice and moves them on accordingly. The more you play, the greater the Rockstar you become! Children's usernames and passwords can be found at the back of their reading diaries.

As always, remember to come and ask if you have any questions or book an appointment via the office.

