



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Year 2. We look forward to working with your children and yourselves. We have a fantastic set of enquiry questions we will be answering through a range of stimulating activities over the coming year.

We begin our first enquiry with the question 'Where does our food come from?' The children have already had a walk over to our local Aldi store where they looked closely at packaging and helped choose some fruit and vegetables from around the world. We followed this with an around the world banquet where they tasted the different food. Some of the supermarket food was from the UK and we have also been given some from Mrs Hirst's allotment. In Geography the children will be learning about the UK, where it is on a map and which countries and capital cities it is made up of. They will then find out which continent we live in and learn the other 6 around the world. They will gain some understanding as to why we get food from other countries and how the equator and climate affect this.

In science we will be exploring how fruit a vegetables grow and in what conditions they grow best. The children will understand food chains and understanding where meat comes from. We will be looking at the Eatwell Plate and identifying where the foods we found in the supermarket and what we eat belong. We will be deciding if the meals we eat are balanced and what we can do to make sure we eat enough food form the different food groups. This will then progress further where we will look at our teeth and how to ensure they are healthy. In DT the children will be using locally grown vegetables to create their own balanced meal, using equipment safely.

Children will use their maths skills when measuring ingredients for their DT project but will mainly be focusing on place value over the half term. They will be counting to 100 and representing numbers up to 100, looking at the tens and ones. E.g. 34 had 3 tens and 4 ones. This will be done very practically so children are able to understand the value of numbers and also compare them. As in Year 1, they will also continue to count in 2s, 5s and 10s, developing on to eventually count in 3s.

In Year 2 we will be using our reading skills when following a recipe in DT. In English the children will also be focusing on using the term 'noun' and 'adjective', understanding what these mean and how they are used to structure a sentence. As well as this, they will be using conjunctions such as 'and', 'but' and 'because' to extend their sentences. We are also hoping to build writing stamina this half term. Fictional stories we will be looking at during this topic include, Jodie's Beans and 'The world came to our place today'. Non-fiction texts will also be a large focus when learning the 7 continents and they will also be exposed to an atlas. When reading, we will be focussing on developing fluency and simple retrieval skills. They will learn how to remember, skim, scan and read closely to find what they need within a text.



Principal: Mrs S Hirst
West Park Academy, Alderman Leach Drive, Darlington, Co Durham DL2 2GF

Tel: 01325 380792

Email: admin@westparkacademy.org.uk www.westparkacademy.org.uk

West Park Academy, part of Shared Vision Learning Trust an exempt charity and company limited by guarantee in England and Wales (Registered no: 7659444) whose registered office is as above.
VAT Registration No: 127 3295 15



As one member of the year group moved to Japan in the summer, we are hoping to communicate with him and tell him all about our new learning and answer our enquiry question.

As part of our behaviour system, the children are becoming familiar with our new code of conduct, understanding what it means and looks like around school. This will be a focus for PHSE and RE where the children will explore what it means to be kind and whether it always easy to be kind. This will link to Christianity where they will discuss and learn about how Jesus showed kindness. Children will be praised when they demonstrate they can follow the code of conduct so make sure you have downloaded the Marvellous Me app so you can receive notifications when your child gets a badge! Ask a member of staff if you would like the code.

In our P.E slots, we will be practising our hockey skills outdoors. In our indoor hall slot we will be working on developing out gymnastic skills. As the weather is unpredictable, please ensure that your child has a warm outdoor PE kit, with suitable footwear, as well as an indoor kit.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Pattison (Class 3), Mrs Chambers and Mrs Farrow (Class4)

i.pattison@westparkacademy.org.uk

g.chambers@westparkacademy.org.uk

e.farrow@westparkacademy.org.uk



Principal: Mrs S Hirst
West Park Academy, Alderman Leach Drive, Darlington, Co Durham DL2 2GF

Tel: 01325 380792

Email: admin@westparkacademy.org.uk www.westparkacademy.org.uk

West Park Academy, part of Shared Vision Learning Trust an exempt charity and company limited by guarantee in England and Wales (Registered no: 7659444) whose registered office is as above.
VAT Registration No: 127 3295 15