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WEST VALE ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the success of home learning over the last 18 months and the fantastic engagement from parents and carers on Seesaw, we would like to share with you the ways in which you can continue to play an active role and support your child's education.

**Information Video**

Teachers will be posting an **Information Video on Seesaw next Friday 19th September** which will inform you of what your child will be learning this academic year and the way in which we teach certain elements of the curriculum. It is essential that you watch this video as it will enable you to fully support your child at home as well as clearly setting out the end of year aims.

Following this, we are inviting parents and carers to **visit their child's classroom on Monday 22nd September.** The classroom will be well ventilated, and teachers will be available to speak with and be asked any questions following the information video. Classrooms will be open as soon as all children in that class have been collected, until 3.30pm. We ask that you give space to others and if necessary, wait your turn to enter the classroom. Please restrict your visit to no more than 10 minutes in any one room. We're sure the children will love showing you around their learning classroom.

**Homework**

We have reviewed the content of the homework we previously asked families to complete and have decided to reduce the number of elements in order for it to be more focussed. This Year we will be focusing on certain aspects of your child's learning. These will be reading, spelling or phonics, and TT Rockstars (times tables) or a Number focus.

Class teachers will inform you when these pieces of homework need to be completed by when they send home their curriculum letter.

Of course, we hope that children will be enthused by their learning in school and may wish to do additional learning at home either independently or with you. We openly encourage you to send photos or videos of home learning and extra-curricular clubs (e.g football/dance), and certificates and achievements your child may have gained. We would love to share in your children's successes and interests outside of school. Class teachers will continue to send home snapshots of the children's learning throughout the day so that you can discuss this with them. We will also be encouraging children to share work with you on Seesaw themselves.

In addition, we will be continuing to hold team competitions half termly which children and families can get involved with.

If at any point you have any questions about your child's learning, please contact your child's teacher on Seesaw.

Yours Sincerely,

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