



Welcome to Summer term in Year 7 at Witton Middle School

Welcome back Year 7 children! I hope that you all enjoyed a very warm Easter break and haven't eaten too many Easter eggs! It is a pleasure to see our children enjoying their time in school, making good progress and having fun whilst learning. Their attitudes encompass all the PRIDE values and I thank you all for the constant praise and encouragement that you give to your children at home.

It has been such a fabulous year so far and the first two terms have absolutely flown by! This term, we will look forward to exciting times ahead of us when the children spend 'Activities Week' (20th - 24th May) embracing new challenges and then Transfer Day on Monday 1st July in their new school. Please be assured that your children will be nurtured and supported in the transition process and all the necessary information will be shared with their high school to make the move as smooth as possible.

If you have any problems, please either come in to see us after school or contact us via the school office and your child's teacher will be happy to help you.

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This term

This term, our Year 7 curriculum will offer our children a wealth of opportunities to gain knowledge whilst working collaboratively. Our English curriculum is based on a Sherlock Holmes mystery story. This challenging text develops pupils understanding of contemporary language and allows them to get creative when writing their own suspense stories. In maths, we will be learning about: angle rules, adding and subtracting fractions, ratio, probability and pulling it all together with some problem solving. Our geography topic is 'Sustainability', where we will be looking at aspects such as: water usage, pollution, and recycling. We want children to learn how we can develop a sustainable future and how to protect our environment and resources. Our science topics are genetics and evolution. This will include: investigating adaptations in both appearance and behaviour, discovering how our understanding of DNA and inheritance has changed and debating our impact on our environment. During computing lessons, children will be using Excel and cryptography.

Please see our Year 7 topic map for more detail about the curriculum this term.

Organisers and reading records

It is important that your child brings their organiser to and from school daily. They use their organiser every lesson. For example, they use the red, amber and green pages for children to indicate their level of confidence and understanding during lessons and children can use this as a non-verbal request for support. They record key events and information to ensure they are up-to-date with what is going on; along with all their achievements. Additionally, if you have any messages to pass to their class teacher or any other staff members, you can write a note in the organiser (your child will need to show the note to their teacher). Your child's teacher will sign the organiser each week and we ask you to also sign it.

We have 3 main behaviour expectations at Witton. They are:

- Respect for all.
- Ready to learn.
- Responsible.

We offer recognition and celebration of pupils who follow these expectations.

Your child should be recording their daily reading in their purple reading record book. Their class teacher will award Dojos for daily reading and your child will also receive a reading certificate when they have read specific numbers of books (10, 20, 30 etc.)



Homework

Homework is set each Wednesday to be returned by the following Monday. Children will receive a homework grid and this will also be available to see on the Witton website. They will complete their homework in their homework book. There will be four parts to the homework each week:

- 1 mathematics task
- 1 spelling task
- 1 reading comprehension task
- 1 extra task that will vary between different subjects (in some cases this will be an ongoing project)

Additionally, we would like your child to read at least four times a week, preferably aloud for about 10 minutes. As a guide, to gauge if your child's book is at the right level for them, they should only find 5 to 10 words per page challenging to read or understand. Reading is a very important part of learning and we encourage children to read a wide range of types of books written by different authors. Our school library offers a wealth of books and your child will be able to choose books from our library. We offer a homework club at school on Thursday lunchtimes where we can support your child with their homework. This offers a great opportunity for children who lead very busy lives outside school to do their homework within the school.

Dates for your diary

This term, we can look forward to the following events in Year 5:

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| • Monday 20th May | Activities week |
| • Friday 24th May | School closes at 3pm for half term. |
| • Wednesday 12th June | Witton open day 8.45am to 12pm and 3.30pm to 6.30pm |
| • Tuesday 18th June | SEN coffee morning 10.30am to 11.30am |
| • 19th to 24th June | Book fair in school |
| • Monday 1st July | Droitwich pyramid Transfer Day (spend a day in new Year 8 class). |
| • Thursday 11th July | Sports Day |
| • Tuesday 16th July | Y7 Leavers Assembly 2.15pm plus tea and cakes at 3pm |
| • Wednesday 17th July | Y7 Golden Time and Non-uniform |
| • Thursday 18th July | Drayton Manor |
| • Friday 19th July | School closes at 3pm for Summer break |