

Westfield School Junior House

Curriculum Information for BrightStart (KS1)

Autumn Term 2026

Mathematics 	In Maths, we will be consolidating our place value knowledge and developing our addition and subtraction skills. We will also be exploring the properties of shape.
English 	This term we continue to follow the Plazoom Literacy scheme, whilst developing our story writing skills, with an emphasis on writing for pleasure. We will also be exploring poetry, fairytales and writing reports. We will also be taking part in an exciting story-telling workshop at Live Theatre to help develop our creative-writing skills.
Science 	In Science we will be learning about animals, including humans; observing seasonal changes and learning about the properties of different materials. The children will visit Kirkley Hall Zoo to look at different animal habitats and take part in a classification workshop. We will also be looking for signs of Autumn during our visit to Wallington later this month.
Humanities 	In Humanities, we will be exploring the <i>History of Toys</i>. As part of our learning, we will be visiting the wonderful doll's house collection at Wallington Hall. We will also be learning about <i>Kings, Queens and Castles</i>, and look forward to taking part in <i>Knight School</i> at Newcastle Castle, where the children will learn all about the training of knights, from their training as pages and squires to the knighting ceremony itself.
R.E. & PSHEE 	This term we will be learning all about special places all over the world. The children will think about places that are special to them as well as to others, and what special places are to the people who follow different religions. In PSHE, we will be exploring feelings and discussing strategies for helping us to manage them.
Art and Design 	In art this term we will be exploring Natural Art and learning about Andy Goldsworthy and Richard Long. In DT we will be designing and making a toy, linking with our history topic learning about the history of toys.

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Languages 	In Spanish we will be continuing to practise greetings and introductions. We are learning how to describe objects, and learning new vocabulary including animals, colours, months of the year and days of the week.
PE 	Multi skills - Developing different types of movement such as running, jumping, skipping, galloping, side steps, hopscotch, hopping for use in games. Throwing, catching, rolling, kicking, target games. Small sided and adapted games. Gymnastics - Moving, balancing, rolling, creating own sequences and shapes. Dance - Following set steps, creating own steps, linking steps together, choreography.
Music 	• I can use my voice in different ways • I can show dynamics using my voice • I understand that dynamics means loud and quiet • I can show what makes a good warm up • I can understand call and response • I can follow a conductor • I can be a conductor in songs

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Attendance

Excellent attendance and punctuality promote excellent learning and the opportunity for children to achieve their full potential.

Westfield School believes that regular school attendance is crucial in allowing children to maximise the educational opportunities available to them and become emotionally resilient, confident and competent adults who are able to realise their full potential and make a positive contribution to their community.

The government has a national target of greater than 95%. We must statutorily monitor the attendance of our girls closely and work alongside you if attendance slips below expectation. (Further details on the school website.)

We would be grateful therefore if you could inform us of any absences as soon as possible and support us in promoting the value of education and regular school attendance at home. Please also share any changes in circumstances that may have an impact on attendance so we can work together to minimise the impact.

Uniform

Please refer to the Uniform Policy.

Please note that we have a Westfield second-hand uniform shop, which opens monthly and sells good-quality uniform items at reduced prices. Please contact the School Office to find out the date of the next sale.

Hair should be tidy. If it is long, it must be tied back. Hair must be a natural colour.

No nail varnish or jewellery is allowed, except for one pair of plain stud earrings worn in the earlobes, which must be removed for sports activities.

All possessions must be clearly named with name labels. No responsibility can be taken for unnamed items.

We do not allow electronic devices or mobile phones in school. If children bring such items into school for any reason, they must be handed in to the School Office at the start of the school day and collected at the end of the day before leaving school.