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Dear Parents/ Carers

What a fantastic start to the year we’ve had at East Whitby Academy, the children have been amazing and the quality of work going on in school is simply stunning. School has settled well and children are really working hard. Some classes have been on visits, some have exciting trips coming up next half-term.

It was fantastic to see you in school for parents evening and to share your children’s work with you. We’re very proud at how hard they work and the pride they show in their learning.

**Curriculum**

Our main focus after half-term is Science with children looking at a range of areas. Please talk to your children about their learning. We hope they love it as much as they have their history work this term

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| **Nursery/ Reception** | **Dinosaurs/ Seasons/Polar Regions** |
| **Year 1** | **Materials and their properties.** |
| **Year 2** | **Plants and animals (What do they need to grow?)** |
| **Year 3** | **Light** |
| **Year 4** | **The Digestive System** |
| **Year 5** | **Earth and Space** |
| **Year 6** | **The Human Body** |

**Attendance!**

This attendance so far for the half term has been below where we would expect it to be (94%), this is mainly due to a sharp rise in parents taking children out of school for holidays. We cannot authorise those holidays and all will be passed to the Local Authority who may choose to fine.  We will be contacting parents after 1/2 term if their child’s attendance is below 93%. If it is below 85% we will be asking you to come into school to have a meeting about your child’s attendance.

Remember if your child’s attendance is 80% they will have missed 1 ½ years of school by the end of year 6. This has a massive impact on their learning.

**School Disco**

 The school Halloween disco will be on Thursday the 3rd of November 4:30-6:00pm. Tickets are sale in the school entrance at the end of school and will also be on sale after half-term.

**Reading**

Can you please make sure that children are reading with you at home, lots are but some aren’t. It really makes the biggest difference to your child’s learning. There is significant evidence that read regularly go on to achieve better all the way through school and even into their higher education. If children don’t read at home it’s very difficult for us to get them to catch up that missed time and practice.

Thankyou for the feedback about the bedtime library.

We will be running some parent reading session in the next half-term

**Online E- Safety**

We have been looking at online safety this term as part of our computing curriculum. As part of that we have also interviewed some children about their use of IT.

 We found that some children find themselves in difficult situations online. Children had been asked for details and sometimes pictures , some children had had accounts for programs hacked and credits stolen as well as other issues such as others being mean.

**So as we approach Winter we think it is important to ask the question**

**Is your child safe online?** (Facebook, Instagram, Playstation Network, Xbox live, Snapchat, Tiktok, Roblox, and many more…)

**Do you know what they are doing?** Discuss with them how they are keeping themselves safe if they are online.

**East Whitby on the web**

Don’t forget you can keep up-to-date with school and find any information by visiting our website. This has photos and up to date stories and information as well as a calendar with all the upcoming dates and events [**www.eastwhitby.org.uk**](http://www.eastwhitby.org.uk)***.*** We are also on **twitter** and **Facebook.**

Thanks again for your continued support. Again if you have any issues, please don’t hesitate to contact us. My door is always open.

Regards

Simon Smith Headteacher)