

28th November 2011



Dear Parents/Carers,

Pupils in some year groups have been carrying out independent research and we have received some outstanding projects for various topics in Humanities - well done!

Project work plays a key part in the Humanities curriculum and independent research is vital to support this, both within school and at home. Books can be borrowed from the school library, which is open at lunch times. However, to assist pupils in their independent study it is helpful if they are a member of their local library where they will have access to a wider range of books to complement their work.

Anyone who lives, works or studies in Dorset, can join Dorset libraries at any of their 34 branches and it is free to join. You will need to sign for your child (as they are under 16) and show some form of identification. Once you are a member you can borrow up to 12 items, which may include up to 4 DVDs. If your local library does not have a suitable book ask a member of the library staff, as they may be able to transport it from another branch for you. In addition, you and your child can also use the library computers (including the internet) if you do not have access to a computer at home. To help you, the opening times of local libraries are shown below:

Library opening times			
	West Moors	Ferndown	Verwood
Monday	2pm to 5pm	10am to 6pm	10am to 1pm & 2pm to 5pm
Tuesday	2pm to 6.30pm	9.30am to 6pm	10am to 1pm & 2pm to 5pm
Wednesday	Closed	9.30am to 1pm	Closed
Thursday	9.30am to 1pm & 2pm to 5pm	9.30am to 7pm	10am to 1pm & 2pm to 5pm
Friday	9.30am to 1pm	9.30am to 6pm	10am to 1pm & 2pm to 7pm
Saturday	10am to 12.30pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 1pm

To help you choose the correct books with your child, here is a list of the topics to be studied over the rest of the year:

	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 5 Humanities	Introduction to History & Ancient Greeks	Africa (Kenya)	Romans	Investigating Coasts	Tudor Exploration
Year 6 Humanities	Victorians	Multi-Culturalism in Britain	WWII	Rivers	Recent History - John Lennon
Year 7 History	Medieval Realms - 1066	Medieval Realms - Middle Ages	Tudors - Henry & the Reformation	Elizabeth I & the Spanish Armada	Individual project - Holocaust
Year 7 Geography	Map Skills	Exploring Britain	Weather & Climate	Volcanoes	Earthquakes

Year 8 History	English Civil War/Cromwell	Industrial Revolution - Child Labour & Slavery	American West		
Year 8 Geography	Brazil	Tropical Rainforests	Settlement & Shopping	World Sport	

I am in the process of investigating the possibility of arranging trips for every year group to help pupils understand the topics in greater depth. Details will be sent out when arrangements have been finalised.

If your child uses a home computer (or computer at a local library) it would be helpful if they had their own USB memory stick in order to save and transfer information between school and home. If you would like to order one from school please complete the slip below and return it by Friday 2nd December 2011.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Carole Morrison
Humanities Co-ordinator



Name of pupil Class

I would like to purchase a USB memory stick for my child from school and **enclose £6.00** (Cheques should be made payable to West Moors Middle School)

Signed Date
(parent/carer)

Please return by Friday 2nd December 2011