



# WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 2

Year 1

## Welcome

I hope that everyone had a great holiday. Our focus for this term is called 'Here We Go to Mexico' and our book focus is 'Adelita' by Tomie da Paula which is a Mexican Cinderella fairy tale. I hope that this sheet gives you a brief outline of the term. Your children have been amazing and have all risen to the not inconsiderable challenges of year 1, I am very proud of them. Towards the end of term there will be an assessment week.

## Maths

We will be focussing on addition and subtraction including recognising these as inverse operations and pairs of numbers to make 10. We will also focus on geometry, knowing the names and properties of 2 and 3D shapes. We will also begin place value work and the very important concept of 10, moving children from working practically to pictorially and then abstract manipulation of numbers. We will continue read, write and interpret maths statements and problem solving.

## Dates and Things to Remember

**Our wow day will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Enrichment afternoon (same activity) Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

The children can come dressed in bright clothing, ponchos and sombreros. PE days are Wednesday and Thursday. Reading books are changed on Mondays. Homework is issued on Fridays and handed in on Wednesdays. Spellings are issued on Fridays and tested the following Friday.

## English

Our literacy will be taught through our topic book and a specific reading, handwriting and phonics session each day will support this. We will be comparing Adelita with the traditional Cinderella fairy tale. We will also look at non fiction books related to Mexico. Your child will continue to bring home a reading book each week that is linked to their assessed phonics level. During our group reading sessions we use a range of other fabulous and varied books. Your child will also have a reading book from the classroom and it is important for them to also read/ enjoy these. There will be a new class reader sent home for you to enjoy over the next 6 weeks. Spellings will continue to based on the year 1 spelling rules. Please ask your child to trace over my writing and continue to write them in a joined style with correct formation.

## Topic

Our Geography focus will be comparing the Mexican village of Tocuaro with West Haddon, including human and physical features. Our science topic is called 'Humans and other animals' and the focus this term will be animals. The DT unit is called 'Constructing a Windmill'. PSHE will focus on 'Celebrating difference'. Our RE topics are 'How and why do Hindus celebrate Diwali', 'The family in Judaism', 'Incarnation, why does Christmas matter to Christians' together with consideration of our Christian values. In ICT we will look at pictograms and continue to use purple mash and pay regard to online safety. In PE we will be focussing on ball skills and gymnastics. Please ensure that your child always has a PE kit including appropriate outside foot wear, such as trainers, in school.

## Homework

Weekly homework will be reading, spellings and a page from the Maths and English homework books that will be given out on Fridays with a page reference. Also towards the end of term there will be another writing task based on the class reader and a 20 word spelling test of the words covered so far this year.

**Our Value for this month is  
Forgiveness**

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