



# WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 3

Year 1

## Welcome

I hope that everyone had a great holiday. Thank you so much for the lovely gifts.

This term our topic is called 'Into The Unknown'. We will be studying the lives of Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. The book 'Man On The Moon' by Simon Bartram will form the basis of our literacy work together with The Owl and the Pussy cat and The Jumblies by Edward Lear and non fiction books about our explorers.

Your children have been amazing and have all risen to the not inconsiderable challenges of year 1, I am very proud of them.

## Maths

We will be focussing on place value. Ensuring that children understand that larger numbers are made up of 10's and 1's, eg 23 is 20 and 3 not 2 and 3. We will continue to explore addition and subtraction using larger numbers. We will continue to problem solve and develop independence to find solutions in different ways. We will count in 2's, 5's and 10's and explore doubling numbers

## Dates and Things to Remember

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.

## Topic

In History we will be learning about the explorers and how travel has changed over time. Our science topic is 'Seasonal Changes' with the focus on why we have seasons and what happens in different seasons. In Art we will be looking at colour mixing and the work of Clarice Cliff. PSHE will focus on dreams and goals. Our RE topic is 'The family in Judaism', together with consideration of our Christian values. Mrs Welch will continue to teach computing, music and PSHE. In PE we will be focussing on gymnastics and Dance. Please ensure that your child always has a PE kit including appropriate outside foot wear, such as trainers, in school. Please also ensure all kit and uniform is named, we had a lot of unnamed items last term. Please also ensure children bring in their water bottles every day.

## 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 getting to know the characters in our book and continue to develop the children's ability to construct sentences that are punctuated well formed and neatly written in a joined style. We will work on suffixes and the prefix 'un' together with singular to plural work.. We will also focus on non fiction by finding out about explorers, and travel. We will look at our poems and perform parts of them. Your child will continue to bring home a reading book linked to the phonic level they have been assessed at. We also read a range of other books in our guided reading sessions. There will be a new class reading book sent home for you to enjoy at home.

## Homework

Weekly homework will be reading, spellings and a page from the Maths and an English homework books that will be given out on Fridays with a page reference. Also a writing task every 4 weeks and a 20 word spelling test at the end of term.

**Our Value for this month is  
Hope**

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