



# WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 2

Year 2

## Welcome

I hope that you all had a relaxing half term break and that the children are ready for another exciting and busy term. The children settled in very well last term and I'm sure that they will continue to persevere, manage distractions and be absorbed in their learning. Towards the end of term, we will be carrying out assessments to identify any gaps in learning. We will of course have Christmas activities to look forward to as well!

## Dates and Things to Remember

PE days: **Tuesdays**

## Topic

Our Geography learning this term focuses on Mexico. We will learn map skills such as being able to locate the UK and Mexico and we will compare the human and physical features of West Haddon and a Mexican village called Tocuaro. We will use a range of maps, diagrams and aerial photos to help us do this. In Science we will be investigating materials and we will design and build our own bridge models. In Design Technology we will be learning about structures (which links really well with science this term) and we will design and make a 'chair for Baby Bear'. In RE we will be learning about how Hindus celebrate Raksha Bandhan and later in the term we will explore why Christmas matters to Christians. We will be learning about orchestral instruments in music lessons and listen to orchestral versions of traditional tales e.g The Three Little Bears. In PSHE we will be focusing on Celebrating Differences and also take part in activities to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week.

**Our Value for this month is  
Forgiveness**

## Maths

This term in maths, we will continue our addition and subtraction learning, using resources such as Base 10 to support the children's understanding. We will solve a variety of problems which will enable the children to apply their understanding of place value, addition and subtraction. We will continue to focus on counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s and learning multiplication facts for these times tables. We will be learning about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes later in the term. We will also continue to have weekly mental maths lessons which focus on a variety of different areas.

## English

In English we will be writing our own autobiographies drawing on our knowledge of biographies from last term. We will then use our knowledge of how to write an adventure story and plan and write our own. After that we will use our geographical knowledge to write non-fiction texts about Tocuaro/Mexico. In our weekly spelling sessions, we will continue to learn and apply a new spelling rule. Please continue to work on the weekly spelling rules at home - look, say, cover, write, check. We will test the children on 20 spelling words from this term at the end of term. Our class reading book this term is 'Mad about Dinosaurs.'

## Homework

Class Reading Book - Mad About Dinosaurs (see info on homework sheet on Friday). Again, if you are unsure of anything, please don't hesitate to contact me. Miss Leggett



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