



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 5

Year 2

Welcome

I hope you all had a good Easter break and that you are ready for another busy and exciting term. Hopefully we will be able to enjoy some time learning outside as the weather improves. Last term, the children planted lily bulbs (thanks to Andy for providing them) so we will be keeping track of their growth this term. The children continued to work really hard last term and I was particularly proud of all of their efforts in the KS1 play and in their end of term assessments. Keep up the good work Year 2!

Dates and Things to Remember

PE days: Tuesday and Thursdays

Please make sure that all items of PE kit are clearly named - trainers will need to be kept in school for outdoor PE (fingers crossed for good weather!)

Topic

Our History topic is What Mr Darwin Saw! We will be finding out why Charles Darwin was a significant person using research skills that we have been developing in computing. We will find out about his book On The Origin of Species which was published in 1859. We will explore the journey he took on HMS Beagle particularly focusing on the discoveries that he made on the Galapagos Islands. In Science we will be learning about life cycles of animals including humans and in RE we will be learning about Humanism. We will be starting a DT project based on linkages and levers and create our own moving monsters. In PSHE we will be learning about relationships.

**Our Value for this month is
Honesty**

Maths

We will begin the term by recapping how to select coins to make an amount as well as calculating change. We will then be learning how to solve fractions problems involving $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$. We will continue to focus on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division in our arithmetic learning and ensure that we can confidently solve questions showing our working out e.g. using of tens and ones frames and the number line. We will also take part in practical activities to explore measuring length in cm and m. We will continue to recall facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

English

We will use our topic book What Mr Darwin Saw to inspire our writing and we will begin by writing a descriptive piece about a rainforest. We will then move onto learning about how to write letters and write a letter from Charles Darwin to his dad after making exciting discoveries on his voyage on HMS Beagle. Lastly, we will learn about how to write instructions. We will also have a weekly SPAG lesson as well as weekly handwriting and spelling sessions. We will ensure that we recap previously taught spelling rules as well as common exception words so that the children are able to apply them in their writing. Our class book is Bill's New Frock.

Homework

Homework will continue in the same format. Thank you again for your support with home learning. Again, if you are unsure of anything, please don't hesitate to contact me 😊.

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