



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 5

Year 4

Welcome

Welcome back!

We hope you have had a lovely, relaxing two weeks away from school. Year 4 have another exciting term ahead of them including learning in our new Topic – World Differences and May Day celebrations.

Dates and Things to Remember

P.E. days will now be on **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**. However, it may be easier to bring kits in on Monday and leave them at school until Friday each week just in case they are needed unexpectedly.

Please send your children in with a water bottle each day to keep them fully hydrated. This term, there will be a big focus on independence and organisation as we want the children to become more self-reliant and resourceful.

- **WOW Day** (The children can come to school in 'messy' clothes that you don't mind getting splashes of paint on) – Friday 26th April
- **Bank Holiday Monday** – No school today – 6th May
- **May Day** – Tuesday 21st May
- **Church Worship** – Honesty – Friday 24th May

Topic

Our new unit of work in Topic for the Summer Term is World Differences. In this topic, we focus particularly on the continent of South America and its differences with the UK. We will be learning about continents and hemispheres, rainforests and wildlife in the Amazon jungle.



**Our Value for this month is
Honesty**

Maths

This term, the children will be focussing on decimals, money and time. We will be looking at areas such as: comparing decimals, rounding decimals, converting between pounds and pence and telling the time to the nearest minute. We will also link our homework to what we are learning in school.

The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) test is looming closer and will be carried out in June! We would appreciate it if you could support your child with learning their multiplication tables at home on a regular basis in order to help their pace of recall and accuracy. Practising online using a touchscreen in the same format as the test will be invaluable. Please ask your child to focus particularly on the questions they are finding tricky. A good website to help your children work on a touchscreen against the clock is www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check

English

In English this term, we will be spending three weeks looking at poetry in a range of forms. The following three weeks will be writing a story based on a fantasy setting. We will be linking this heavily with our Topic work on World Differences. The children will be focussing on writing sentences using fronted adverbials, embedded clauses, speech punctuation and expanded noun phrases to develop their creative writing.

Homework

Children will continue to be set Maths and SPAG homework in their CGP books each week on Thursdays. This is due in the following Tuesday. Please ensure that your child is reading at home at least twice per week. If your child chooses to read independently, please still ensure that this is signed. Regular spelling practice will also ensure that children score well on their weekly tests each Tuesday. Please recap previous spellings from time to time to help your child retain them in their long-term memory.

Our new class book, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis, will also be given out this term. Please ensure your child is also regularly reading this. The children's previous class reader, *The Firework Maker's Daughter*, should be returned on the first week back (15th-19th April). Our class books are numbered to check any that are missing.

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