

WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 3

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Welcome

Happy New Year to you all!

We hope that you have all had a fantastic Christmas holiday and lots of memories have been made!

We would like to say a big thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts that we received.

Literacy

The children will continue to learn their phonic sounds and use these to blend and segment words in order to read and write. They will continue to learn how to form their letters correctly as well as exploring different stories linked to our topic. One of our key learning skills for this term will be finger spaces. We will also continue to develop our speaking and listening skills.

Topic

Our topic for this term is 'Let it grow.' We will be planting sunflower seeds and cress seeds whilst learning about the parts of a plant and their functions. We will still be creative with learning about shades of colour, using a pencil to create different effects as well as seeing what creations your children will make from the junk modelling resources. We will be going out and about in our local environment looking at different flowers and plants that are around us. We will also exploring floating and sinking and the push and pull force.

Junk Modelling

Thank you for bringing in resources for the children to use to create different models. Please keep it coming! Any of the following would be great: clean pots, tubes, small boxes, clean plastic milk bottle tops, kitchen roll tubes,

Our Value for this month Hope

Things to remember!

Water bottles – Ensure all water bottles are named.

PE Kits – Ensure your child has both indoor and outdoor PE kits that are clearly named.

Wow books – These are the thin yellow books that are in your child's book bag. Please feel free to jot down any wow moments that your child has at home. The children love sharing these with each other.

Weekend Books

This term we would like the children to write independently in their weekend books using their phonic knowledge. They should attempt to spell the words that they want to write without copying or being told how to spell them. Please encourage them to stretch the words and write down the sounds that they hear.

Maths

Over the course of the term the children will be using their knowledge of numbers to:

- Solve simple addition and subtraction calculations
- Identify number bonds up to 5
- Counting backwards from 10/20
- Counting in 10's
- Recognising numbers to 20.
- Forming numbers correctly

They will continue to learn about 2D and 3D shapes including their properties.

Reading

Your child brings home a reading book each week along with sounds and/or words to learn. Please find time to listen to your child and support them to develop their reading skills as well as developing a love for books. Any questions about reading please ask!