



# WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 3

Year 2

## Welcome

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas holiday. A very big thank you for my lovely Christmas cards and presents. They are very much appreciated. We are looking forward to another busy and fun-filled term as we begin our Geography topic 'Brr, It's Cold!' I hope you have a great start to 2026 and I wish you all a happy and healthy year.

## Dates and Things to Remember

Please bring in an old t-shirt or apron for art lessons, thank you if you have already done this.

PE days - Tuesdays

## Topic

This term our geography topic is Brr, It's Cold! We will be finding out about the polar regions. We will use atlases to locate different climate zones around the world. We will also be exploring weather patterns in the UK and plan and carry out an investigation. In science we will be learning about habitats around the world and we will be linking this to our geography topic by exploring habitats in the polar regions. In PSHE we will be learning about how to keep ourselves safe. We will continue to begin our PSHE sessions with a mindfulness activity. In RE we will be exploring why Easter is important to Christians as well as focusing on this term's value, Hope. In art we will be exploring clay and making our own pinch pots and tiles. Our music topic is ' Musical Me' and we will be learning how to compose our own piece of music using a glockenspiel. In computing we will be focusing on creating music and pictures using Purple Mash as well as continuing our learning about keeping safe online.

**Our Value for this month is  
HOPE**

## Maths

This term we will recap addition and subtraction of tens and ones (e.g  $34 + 40$ ,  $42 + 14$ ,  $36 + 25$ ,  $52 - 30$ ,  $68 - 24$ ,  $51 - 19$ ). We will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes and how to describe them. We will also focus on multiplication and division and solve problems involving the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Please focus on these times tables at home this term. We will also practice telling the time (o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to).

## English

This term we will be reading the story *Penguin Small* and we will be writing our own stories inspired by this text. We will focus on using interesting adjectives and use these when writing our own stories. We will also focus on writing different sentence types such as statements, commands, questions and exclamations and continue to make sure we use capital letters, full stops, question marks, exclamation marks and commas. We will also be learning about how to write a set of instructions. We will continue to have weekly handwriting sessions where we will focus on horizontal and diagonal joins. Each week we will introduce the children to a new spelling rule and we will recap previously taught spelling rules throughout the term. Please continue to practise the spelling rules that are sent home each week; thank you!

## Homework

Our class reading book will be *Fantastic First Poems*. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in contact. Miss Leggett 😊