

WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 1

Year 3

Welcome

Welcome back to school and to Year 3! I hope that you all enjoyed your summer! We are really looking forward to this term as we have lots of exciting topics for the children.

Home time: Year 3 will be leaving via the furthest hall door. It would be really helpful if you could wave to me to help identify who you are when I am giving out the children at home time, as this makes the process much quicker. Thank you.

Maths

In Year 3, the children concentrate on the x2, x5, x10, x3, x4 and x8 times tables in preparation for the times tables test at the end of Year 4. Each week, your child's target times table will be written on their homework sheet for them to practise daily at home. The more practice they get now, the more enabled they will be when they complete the test. A helpful online tool for the children to practise for this is:

https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Our maths focuses for terms 1 and 2 are place value (3 digit numbers) and the four operations. The children will make links with their learning in Year 2 by building upon the jottings they made to include 3 digit numbers.

Dates and Things to Remember

Our PE Day is on a Tuesday but please have PE kits in school every day in case of extra curricular activities. Please remember to send in a water bottle each day.

Topic

Our topic for this term until Christmas is, <u>Ancient</u> <u>Greece</u>. We will have an Ancient Greece Wow Day on **Friday 27th September** when the children can come dressed as a person during Ancient Greek Times, if they would like to. We'll be doing a lot of art activities that day as well as learning all about the Ancient Greeks!

Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and needs to be handed in by Wednesday. Please mark your child's homework with them before handing in. Spelling tests will take place on a Wednesday starting September 11th - your child will be given the list of words with their homework each week.

Our Value for this month is **Friendship**

English

In our English lessons we will be learning about Greek Myths and writing our own mythical story. The children will also be looking at diary writing and play scripts.

Pen licences

In year 3, once the children can demonstrate that they can consistently use neat, joined handwriting throughout all of their work, they will be awarded their pen licence. This means they can use a pen for their writing.

Spellings

We are having a big push on spellings this year to support the children's writing. Please try to practise spellings daily to help them retain their spelling knowledge beyond the weekly test. Their spelling book will come home each week to show you their score and the words that still need to practise.

Reading Books

The children have the extra responsibility of changing their own stage reading book once they are on a numbered stage this year. I'm sure they will enjoy doing this! When reading with your child, please fill in the reading record book provided. Please ensure that you hear your child read at least 2 to 3 times a week as it really does aid their progress. This term, our class reading book is '**The Diary of a Killer Cat'**.

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