



# WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn - Term 2

Year 4

## Welcome

Welcome back! We hope you've had a restful break. We have a busy term coming up including the continuation of weekly swimming lessons and the Christmas production. We have already sent home the children's lines for them to learn and costume letters will be sent within the next few weeks, as well as more details closer to the time.

## Dates and Things to Remember

Children should bring in a water bottle that will be returned home every day.

**Our PE lessons will still focus on swimming until the end of this term.** Please still ensure that your child has the appropriate kit for indoor and outdoor PE in case these are needed for additional sporting activities. **Swimming sessions will begin again from Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November and will continue until Christmas.** Please ensure that they have a swimming hat, a towel and a change of clean underwear. Our Year 3 & 4 Christmas Play will be on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.** It is called **Christmas Is Forever** and is all about **saving Christmas from the baddies. Think James Bond meets Christmas!** Please encourage your children to learn the song lyrics and their individual lines. We look forward to seeing you there!

- **Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**
- **Collective Worship – Forgiveness – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**
- **Enrichment Afternoon – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**
- **Collective Worship – Christmas – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**
- **Staff Training Day – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

## Homework

**Homework will be set each Thursday and should be handed in the following Tuesday.** It should be marked with an adult at home. Homework will include weekly spellings to practise. **The weekly spelling test will take place each Tuesday morning.** Times tables will be tested on Tuesdays. Our class book this term is Uncover History: Ancient Greece. Please ensure that the children keep up to date with their class book reading as there will be a short assessment on this at the end of the term. As we are trying to encourage independence in Year 4, children are expected to change their own stage books regularly.

**Our Value for this month is  
Forgiveness**

## Maths

During our first few weeks in school, we will be continuing with our work on area. Following that, we will begin to look at multiplication and division as well as extending our understanding and use of formal written methods for this. We will continue to focus on rapid recall of multiplication tables which is extremely important and supports children with a solid foundation and fluency in Maths. **The government has introduced a Key Stage 2 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) that all Year 4 pupils will take in Summer Term 2025.** The purpose of this government-led test is to determine whether Year 4 pupils can fluently recall multiplication tables up to  $12 \times 12$  in accordance with the National Curriculum objectives. 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 or keypad in the same format as the test will be invaluable. A good website to help your children work against the clock is

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

## English

This term, the children will reflect on the units they've already learnt to ensure that they understand different writing genres. We will explore recounts based on own experiences, playscripts and fantasy stories. It remains extremely important that your child is reading regularly at home. Please ensure that your child has the opportunity to read a range of texts, both independently as well as with an adult, to encourage confidence, progression and, most importantly, a love of reading. As part of their homework, children need to read at least twice a week with an adult at home. Stage books, assigned at their own individual reading level, should be brought home from school to read. Please initial the children's reading records each week. These will be collected in each Tuesday.

## Topic - History

In Topic sessions, we will continue to learn about Ancient Greece. In this unit of work, we will use primary and secondary sources, maps and evaluate how modern day life has been influenced by the Greeks.

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