



# 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 Four have another exciting term ahead of them including learning in our new Topic all about the UK and May Day celebrations.

## Dates and Things to Remember

**P.E. will continue to be on Tuesday mornings.**

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 their own clothes which we suggest have a tourist / holiday theme) – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April
- **Bank Holiday Monday** – No school today – 5<sup>th</sup> May
- **May Day** – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May
- **Church Worship** – Honesty – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

## Topic

In Geography, we will be starting our new unit of work all about the UK. Our first few lessons will delve into the countries that make up the UK and their capital cities. Later in the Summer Term, we will also map out the village and enhance our field work skills.



**Our Value for this month is  
Honesty**

## Maths

This term, the children will be focussing on money, time and shape. We will be looking at areas such as: converting between pounds and pence, telling the time to the nearest minute and completing a symmetric figure. 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 on the first week of 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](http://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check)

## English

In English this term, we will be spending some time exploring non-chronological reports, learning how to organise and present factual information clearly. Then, we will focus on reading and writing poetry in a range of forms. Finally, we will be developing our skills in letter writing, thinking carefully about audience, purpose and tone. The children will also be focussing on writing sentences using fronted adverbials, embedded clauses and speech punctuation 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 (23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> April).** Our class books are numbered to check any that are missing.

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