



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring Term

Year 5

Welcome

I hope that you have enjoyed your half term break and the children are reenergized after a busy first half term. I am looking forward to updating you on their progress during Parents' Evenings this week.

As always, please do not hesitate to come and see me at any point over the term to discuss how things are going or if you have any questions or concerns about your child. I will be available after school on the gate on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The school office is always able to get a message through to me also.

Maths

In maths this term we will complete our focus area of fractions, decimals and percentages. We then build on our Year 4 understanding of statistics.

We will continue to maintain our rapid recall of multiplication tables as well as corresponding division facts. Thank you for all of your continued support with this. Recommended websites are in Google Classroom if your children would like to practise interactively.

Dates and Things to Remember

We have a very busy half term with lots of additional activities happening. Swimming will continue on Thursday afternoons (except for Thursday 27th March due to Bikeability). World Book Day is on Thursday 6th March. We will be taking the children on a DT trip to Kingswood on Friday 14th March where the children will be focusing on nutrition and developing their cooking skills. Week commencing 24th March, the children will be completing their Bikeability course (note no swimming this week).

In addition, children need to keep in school an art apron (a large old T-shirt or shirt would be ideal) as we will continue with some additional art.

English

The children completed some wonderful writing last term developing and practising skills based on story openings and characterisation, writing fables along with non-chronological reports. This term, they will have the opportunity to put their learning of each of these genres into practice.

It remains extremely important that your child is reading regularly at home. As part of their homework in Year 5, children need to continue to read at least twice a week with an adult at home. Please initial reading records, these will continue to be collected each Wednesday. In addition, children will continue with a reading comprehension task each week as part of their homework.

Topic

This term the children will continue their topic focus on India. Through a thematic approach the children will make links between many of their subjects, incorporating work through literacy and geography.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and should be handed in by the following Tuesday. A weekly spelling test will take place each Thursday morning. Our half term 40 word spelling test will take place on **Thursday 3rd April**.

Times tables and division facts will continue to be tested on Wednesdays. Our class book this term is Skellig by David Almond.

Our Value for this month is

Easter

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