



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn Term

Year 5

Welcome

I hope that you have enjoyed your half term break and the children are re-energised, ready to start our exciting Christmas term. Thank you for taking the time to talk through your child's progress during Parents' Evenings, it was lovely to hear from you and to update you on their progress.

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 Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The school office is always able to get a message through to me also.

Maths

In maths, we will continue our learning around multiplication and division and then move onto fractions.

We will continue to maintain our rapid recall of multiplication tables as well as corresponding division facts. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Recommended websites are in Google Classroom if your children would like to practise interactively.

Dates and Things to Remember

Our PE lessons will continue to be on Monday afternoons and both indoor and outdoor PE kits will be required in school. I would suggest jogging trousers and a sweatshirt for outdoor PE as we do go out in all weathers. In addition, children need to keep in school an art apron (a large old T-shirt or shirt would be ideal).

We have a VR experience coming into school on Thursday 13th November. Our second Enrichment Afternoon will take place on Friday 12th December. The Year 5 40-word spelling test will be on Wednesday 17th December.

English

Last term, the children practised lots of Year 5 writing skills linked to their three genre focuses: myths, story openings and characterisation and poetry. This term, the children will use these skills to write their independent pieces which I am very much looking forward to reading.

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, our class topic continues with the focus area Invaders and Settlers which the children have really enjoyed so far.

Through a thematic approach, the children will continue to make links between many of their subjects, incorporating work through literacy, history 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. Times tables (now including division facts) will continue to be tested on Wednesdays. Our class book this term is Krindlekrax by Phillip Ridley.

**Our Value for this month is
Forgiveness**

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