

WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 3

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Welcome

Happy New Year to you all!

We hope that you have all had a fantastic Christmas holiday and lots of memories have been made!

We would like to say a big thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts that we received.

Literacy

The children will continue to learn their phonic sounds and use these to blend and segment words in order to read and write. They will continue to learn how to form their letters correctly as well as exploring different stories linked to our topic.

The key books for this term are:

Non-fiction books about woodlands, plants and trees

Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

The children will take part in a variety of tasks:

Reading new words – Word of the week, HFW
Fact sheets
Asking questions
capital letters, finger spaces and full stops
Rhyming words
Learning poetry

Topic

Our topic for this term is 'Where the wild things are'. During this topic the children will learn about the four seasons in more depth, parts of a plant and what plants need to grow. They will also be learning about the importance of trees. We will be starting our topic by looking at woodlands, the creatures that might live there and their different habitats. We will also be exploring floating and sinking, forces and shadows.

Our Value for this month Hope

Maths

Over the course of the term the children will be using their knowledge of numbers to:

- Solve simple addition and subtraction calculations
- Identify number bonds to 5
- Counting backwards from 20
- Comparing weight
- Creating patterns
- Recognising numbers to 20.
- Forming numbers correctly

They will also continue learning more about 2D and 3D shapes including being able to describe the properties.

Gruffalo Characters

We will be making our very own Gruffalo's. We need your help! Please can you bring into school any kitchen roll tubes that you have finished with by Friday 3rd February.



Things to remember!

Water bottles – Ensure all water bottles are named.

PE Kits – Ensure your child has both indoor and outdoor PE kits that are clearly named.

Weekend books – We enjoy listening to your child's weekend news and it is lovely to see the children independently writing in their books.

Wow books – These are the thin yellow books that are in your child's book bag. Please feel free to jot down any wow moments that your child has at home. The children love sharing these with each other.