



# WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 2

Year 1

## Welcome

I hope everyone had a good holiday. Your children have all settled in very well and have risen to the challenge of Year 1. This term will be a busy but exciting one. In art we will be focussing on drawing techniques and the artist Leonardo Da Vinci. In Ict we will be using a paint package and illustrating a story. Our science focus is 'Humans and other Animals'. Obviously towards the end of term, we will be involved in lots of Christmas activities and our RE topic will consider why Christmas matters to Christians together with work about the family in Judaism.

## Maths

We will be focussing on place value, understanding that teen numbers are 10 and some more rather than 1 and 4 in the case of 14. We will be counting forwards and backwards, counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. We will also be ensuring correct number formation and writing numbers in words. We will continue to work on addition and subtraction and understanding these as inverse operations, including solving missing number problems. Our problem solving will open ended problems where there are more than one solution.

## Dates and Things to Remember

PE will continue to be on Wednesdays and Thursdays. In gymnastics we will focus on 'points and patches' blancing and supporting weight. In games the children will develop their throwing and catching skills and enjoy some aiming games.

## English

We will focus on non fiction this term and use our topic books to inspire our writing, producing a fact sheet about Walter Tull. We will also write fiction stories and study a senses poem. Our spelling program will continue to focus on Year 1 spelling rules. Please keep working on the 100 words sent home last term as these will be tested towards the end of term. I will let you know the date soon. We will continue to focus on correct letter formation and joining. This really helps with their spellings and allows children to write with flow. Our class reader this term is the Tale of the Whale.

## Topic

Our topic book this term is 'The Little Hen and the Great War'. This is a lovely story set in the First World War which will lead us into our history work about significant events in British History and British Values. We will be learning about Walter Tull who was a professional footballer who played for Northampton Town before signing up to fight in the First World War, a memorial to him is located near the Cobblers ground. Our WOW day will be this Thursday. We will be looking at artefacts from the first world war and a couple of experts in this area will be talking to the children. We will also do an orienteering exercise based on the life of Walter Tull. If anyone has any family information about the first world war please feel free to bring it in.

## Homework

Homework will continue as last term. Reading books changed on Mondays, maths and SPAG work books given out on Friday and returned on Wednesdays, changing their own library books on Thursdays and spellings given out and last week's tested on Fridays.

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