



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 3

Year 1

Welcome

I hope that everyone had a great holiday. Thank you so much for the lovely gifts.

Our topic for this term is called 'Brrr, It's Cold' and our book focus is "Penguin Small" by Mick Inkpen.

I hope that this sheet gives you a brief outline of the term. Your children have been amazing and have all risen to the not inconsiderable challenges of year 1, I am very proud of them. Curriculum days begin this term so please ensure you check dates and send children to school in scruffy clothes. If there is anything that you are unsure of, worried about or indeed if you just want a chat please pop in at any time.

Maths

We will be learning to tell the time and solve simple time related problems. Our place value work will continue, moving children from working practically to pictorially and then abstract manipulation of numbers. We will continue read, write and interpret maths statements involving addition, subtraction and equals signs together with problem solving.

English

Our literacy will be taught through our topic book and a specific reading, handwriting and phonics session each day will support this. We will be getting to know the characters in this book and using it to write our own adventure stories. We will also focus on non fiction by finding out about penguins, polar bears and other animals and humans that live in cold places. We will look at a range of 'Snow poems' and write our own acrostic poem. Your child will continue to bring home an Oxford Reading Tree book/s each week that will be changed on a Monday, I do not share these in school as we have some fabulous and varied books that we will base our reading sessions around. The ORT books will be for you to share at home together with a library book of your child's choice. Don't forget to also come and use the library on Mondays after school.

Dates and Things to Remember

Our wow day will be on Monday 13th January.

Children to come dressed as penguins (e.g. black and white clothes). PE days are Wednesday and Thursday. Reading books are changed on Mondays. Library books are changed on Thursdays. Homework is issued on Fridays and handed in on Wednesdays. Spellings are issued on Fridays and tested the following Friday. Don't forget curriculum days.

Topic

In Geography we will be learning about the seasons and seasonal changes. We shall focus on cold places on the planet and why some places are cold and others warm. Our science topic is very much linked to geography and we will investigate the weather and prediction, together with the tilt of the Earth in the Northern and Southern hemispheres. In Art we will look at the Impressionist artists and try to employ some of their techniques in our own work. PSHE will focus on dreams and goals. Our RE topic is "The family in Judaism", together with consideration of our Christian values. In ICT our topic is called 'We are Collectors' which will involve collecting and using pictures from the internet. In PE we will be focussing on gymnastics and games. Please ensure that your child always has a PE kit including appropriate outside foot wear, such as trainers, in school.

Homework

Weekly homework will be reading, spellings and a page from the Maths and an English homework books that will be given out on Fridays with a page reference. Also the occasional request for information related to our topic.

**Our Value for this month is
Honesty**

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