



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn

Year 4

Welcome

It was lovely to meet you all at the parent's evenings this week, thank you for all of your support over the first half term. I have been delighted with how the children have settled in to Year 4 and their focus to complete some excellent pieces of work. I hope that you enjoyed looking through their books this week and can see the progression that they are all making.

Maths

In maths this term we will be focusing on multiplication and division, extending understanding of formal written methods. In addition, we will start work on measurement, focusing on length and perimeter.

We will continue to focus on rapid recall of multiplication tables which is extremely important and supports children with a solid foundation and fluency in maths. This year, the government has introduced a Key Stage 2 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) that all Year 4 pupils will take in Summer Term 2020. In school, the children will continue with their rapid recall practise along with their weekly Tuesday test. Thank you for supporting your child to learn their tables at home, doing this on a regular basis really helps their pace of recall and accuracy. Now that the children are becoming more fluent in their tables, practising online using a touch screen in the same format as the test will be invaluable. A good website to help your children work on a touch screen against the clock is <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

Dates and Things to Remember

This year's production will now be on **Thursday 5th December** at 2pm and 6pm. All children have been given their scripts (including song words) and parts. Please encourage your child to learn their lines as well as the song words. Details of costume requirements will be emailed separately.

Our PE lessons will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that your child has appropriate kit for indoor and outdoor P.E. In addition, children need to keep in school an art apron (a large old T-shirt or shirt would be ideal.)

English

Writing genres for this term will be historical stories and play scripts.

It remains extremely important that your child is reading regularly at home. As part of their homework, children need to read at least twice a week with an adult at home. Please initial reading records, these will be collected each Tuesday. Spellings will continue with a weekly spelling test each Thursday morning and the Spelling Bee termly test will take place on **Tuesday 10th December**.

Topic

This term is set to be another exciting and busy one. We will be continuing our topic focused on the Romans and, using a thematic approach, will make links across English, history, geography and art. Please refer to the Topic Organiser for further detail.

We will continue to run our Show and Tell sessions this term on Friday afternoons with topic related items. Thank you to all of those children who have shared their items already, they have been fascinating.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and should be handed in the following Tuesday. Our class book this term is A Bear Called Paddington by Michael Bond.

**Our Value for this month is
Love**

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