



# WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn Term

Year 5

## Welcome

Welcome to Year 5! I hope that you have enjoyed a fantastic summer and are ready for the new school year ahead. Please feel free to talk to me about any queries or concerns over the term. I will be available after school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons or alternatively, please contact the office to arrange an appointment.

Now that the children are in Year 5 they are dismissed from the locker room at the end of the school day as a class. They are no longer "handed over" to individual parents. We ask that children leave when they can see their adult. If you are happy for your child to walk home rather than be collected from school, please advise the office in advance so that we allow your child to leave.

## Maths

In maths this term we will focus on place value as well as extending our understanding and use of formal written methods for addition and subtraction. We will continue to maintain our rapid recall of multiplication tables from Year 4 as well as corresponding division facts. The children did a great job with their times tables last year, in Year 5 we will continue to refresh and build on the children's knowledge.

A good website to help your children work on a touch screen against the clock for times tables is:

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

An engaging division facts online game is:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

## Dates and Things to Remember

Our PE lessons will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and both indoor and outdoor PE kits will be required in school. In addition, children need to keep in school an art apron (a large old T-shirt or shirt would be ideal).

On Wednesday 5th October, Year 5 will be going on a day trip to Everdon. More information will be sent nearer the time.

## English

Writing genres this term are myths along with recounts for different audiences.

It remains extremely important that your child is reading regularly at home. Please ensure that your child has the opportunity to read a range of texts both independently as well as with an adult to encourage confidence, progression and most importantly, a love of reading. As part of their homework in Year 5, children need to read at least twice a week with an adult at home. Please initial reading records, these will be collected each Tuesday. In addition, children will be set a reading comprehension task each week. This should be completed and handed in on Tuesday with their maths and SPaG homework.

## Topic

This term our class topic will be based around the theme of Ancient Egyptians. The topic will be introduced on our Wow Day on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**. Children may come to school in messy clothes for this day.

Through a thematic approach the children will make links between many of their subjects over the term, incorporating work through literacy, history, geography and art.

## Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and should be handed in by the following Tuesday. A weekly spelling test will take place on Thursday mornings. Times tables (now including division facts) will be tested on Wednesdays. Our class book this term is *There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom* by Louis Sachar.

**Our Value for this month is  
Friendship**

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