



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 3

Year 5

Welcome

I hope you have all had a great relaxing Christmas and the children are refreshed for the New Year. We have lots of exciting Art and DT activities planned for this term with our new topic of The Mayans which I know the children will love.

Topic

Our WOW day for the topic will be on the 15th January and we will be creating artwork and tasting food. As part of our study of this area we will be investigating what happened to the Mayan Civilisation as there are several theories. We will be considering what lessons we could learn today from them regarding climate change. We have a session on a Friday afternoon where the children can share information from home for topic. Our school trip will be to the Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford and is on Thursday 5th March when we will be visiting the Maya room as well as the Natural History Museum. Details to follow shortly. In science, our topic is now gravity and forces. In RE, we will be studying Hinduism starting with a visitor to talk to the children on Wednesday 8th January.

Homework

Homework will continue to be set on a Thursday and needs to be handed in on a Tuesday. Parental support for homework has been great so far. If homework is not completed then I keep children in at break time on Thursday to complete it but I am happy to say no one has needed to stay in yet. Please mark your child's homework with them. If there is anything your child struggles with in the homework, then please let me know by writing a note on the page and we will go through it with them in school time. If your child hands their homework in on a Friday then I am rewarding them and this seems to be working!

Our Value for this month is

Honesty

Maths & English

In Maths, we will be working on fractions, decimals and percentages this term with an increased focus on problem solving. In literacy, we will be writing a narrative poem, writing a persuasive letter and writing a story for a younger audience.

Thank you to those parents who contacted me regarding their children's results in the recent assessments and for your fantastic support at home. A lot of you have asked for advice on additional books to purchase for help in Maths, SPAG and Reading to do at home. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need help with this.

If there is any area of your child's learning that you would like to have a chat about, then please contact me on email or pop in at the end of the school day. ahornshaw@westhaddon.northants.sch.uk.

Spellings will be given out on a Thursday and spelling tests will take place on a Thursday morning. Following the recent assessments, I will be changing the intervention groups for additional small group support in Maths, Reading and SPAG during PE and assembly times.

For the new term, 'Krindlekrax' will be the reading book set in the homework. When reading with your child, please fill in the Reading Record book or your child can fill it in if reading independently. We will continue to check Reading Records on a Tuesday to ensure your child has read at least twice a week. Children who have not read are staying in during Thursday break-time to read.

Times tables are being set in the homework also. Times tables tests are on a Tuesday morning.

Dates and Things to Remember

Year 5 P.E. days are Mondays and Wednesdays. It would also be helpful if the children could also keep an old shirt (with long sleeves) at school to protect their school uniform when painting etc.

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