



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 4

Year 5

Welcome

I hope you have all had a great relaxing half term. We have lots of exciting activities planned for this term with our topic of the Mayans and the children will be continuing to create artwork based on it.

Topic

As part of our study of this area, we will be investigating what happened to the Mayan Civilisation. We will be using historical skills to work out theories about the Mayan Civilisation using primary and secondary sources. As part of our literacy lessons, we will be holding a debate regarding climate change from different points of view. 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. In PE, our topics for this term are Rounders where we are working on throwing and catching skills and Dance where we will be focussing on English Country Dance.

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. 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.

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.

Our Value for this month is Care

Maths & English

In Maths, we will be continuing to work on fractions, decimals and percentages this term with an increased focus on problem solving. The children have done really well with new concepts such as multiplying and dividing fractions. In literacy, we will be writing a persuasive letter and writing a story for a younger audience then sharing these with the Year 1 class which I am sure the children will enjoy.

Once a week on a Monday afternoon, I invite children who have read a book discuss their views, thoughts and whether they would recommend the book to the rest of the class. This book is then put on our list for the week for the rest of the class to see when they would like to choose a book to read. This has been very successful and the children are very keen to share books they have read with the class. If you would like to see this list, then it is in the classroom by the door.

Spellings will be given out on a Thursday and spelling tests will take place on a Thursday morning. As mentioned in the recent parents evenings, I will be continuing intervention groups for additional small group support in Maths, Reading and SPAG during PE and assembly times. In addition to this we have extra group work on a Tuesday afternoon with a focus on Reading Comprehension plus one to one reading sessions on a Wednesday afternoon.

For the new term, 'Skellig' 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 with some children now moving on to decimal times tables!

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.

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