



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 2

Year 6

Welcome

I hope everyone had a chance to rest and recharge their batteries over the last week. The first term in year 6 is always a hectic one with children busy learning in class and nipping out to carry out their various responsibilities across the school. Over the term, they have been buddies to the new reception children – collecting them from their classroom, ‘escorting’ them to the lunch hall, and accompanying / entertaining them on the playgrounds. They have been in charge of setting up the hall and running the electronics during assemblies as well as writing and presenting assemblies of their own. They have led parts of Friday’s celebration assembly too, as well as hosting Community Worship in the pulpit and helping to walk the youngest children to the church and back. A group have also been setting up and running lunchtime sport activities! The children thoroughly enjoy these responsibilities and it gives them a break from the preparations for the upcoming SATs.

Maths & English

The children have now sat their second SATs paper – using the past materials produced by the Department for Education. Using these results we can begin to see how children will most likely do in the real thing. Above all, they give a clear indication of the gaps that we can work on in the coming months.

We send these papers home with an overall percentage and the final grading using the grade boundaries for that year. Percentages do vary over the years, as does the level of challenge. Time spent looking through these papers with your child is very valuable as it picks up individual gaps. You will also find this kind of discussion helps children see where they have made ‘simple mistakes’. Learning how to sit an official test is an important part of year 6.

Dates and Things to Remember

Year 6 P.E. days are moving to the Monday afternoon, led by Mr. Rosevear.

The year 6 class assembly will take place on the 15th November.

Unfortunately, we have not been able to book one of the autumn slots to visit the Houses of Parliament this term. We have been very lucky in recent years in booking these as the visits are limited in number and much sought after. We will try again when the booking lines open in the spring.

Soon after the year 6 class assembly, we will hold an information meeting for parents to discuss the preparations and arrangements for the May SATs. A date will follow shortly.

Topic

Our topic of Invaders and Settlers continues this term. We have looked at Anglo-Saxon settlers and have started to learn that they, in turn, faced invasions from the Vikings. We have just started building our own scale models of Viking mead halls inspired by the poem Beowulf. The children are really enjoying cutting and joining wood as a part of this project.

Homework

Homework continues to be set on a Thursday and needs to be handed in on a Tuesday. Spelling tests will take place on a Thursday. Completion of homework is essential for year 6 as is the marking at home with an adult (as it provides another opportunity to fill a gap). The homework that we set is designed to secure their understanding of the topics covered in lessons and revisit earlier learning. We will continue with a focus on *reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar, and maths*.

Our Value for this month is

Love

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