



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 4

Year 6

Welcome

I hope you have all had a good break and that your children have rested ready for the term ahead.

Last term was, as always, a very busy one with focus on maths and English in the mornings, and an in-depth look into the other subjects in the afternoon. In art, the children investigated how art can be used to express emotions and feelings. They enjoyed studying Picasso's famous painting Gurnica, a large scale painting that depicted Spain's shock and horror when the town of Gurnica was bombed by Nazi's in the build up to WW2. They used Picasso's influence to paint their own abstract images based on WW1. This work led to expressive faces which they first drew, and later modelled in clay. In RE, the children have enjoyed finding out about the religion of Sikhism, learning about the Gurus and the importance of sharing food at a Gurdwara (the religion's place of worship). We are looking forward to a visit from Mr Singh, who regularly visits year 6 to talk about his beliefs. We also had a very enjoyable day in London, visiting the London Transport Museum and the Houses of Parliament.

Staffing

We have a few changes to the year 6 team this term. Mr Corley will spend some time in Nursery, though he will continue to work in year 6 at the end of the week. Mrs Britton will take over some of Mr Corley's time in year 6. Mrs Dawson will continue to support the year 6 children both in class and for afternoon interventions.

Dates and Things to Remember

Year 6 P.E. on Thursday will continue to be led by Ben Stoneman. The Tuesday lesson will move to Fridays, and will be taught by Mr Armstrong.

9th May – 12th May – year 6 SATs week

Maths & English

The children have recently sat their third practice SATs paper in test conditions– using the past materials produced by the Department for Education. By 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.

The papers were sent home over the half-term. I strongly recommend spending some time looking through these papers with your child. Any 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.

Homework

Homework is set on a Thursday and needs to be handed in on a Tuesday. Spelling tests will take place on a Thursday.

The homework will include practise tests, giving the children valuable experience of the sorts of questions contained in the various SATs papers.

Spellings are an area that the class are requiring further support in learning during lessons. Please can you support your child at home too with their spellings, practising them daily.

Please can you ensure that children return their class reading book asap, so that they can be given their book for this term. There are still some books outstanding from the Autumn term.

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Happiness**

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