



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 4

Year 6

Welcome

I hope you have all had a good break and that your children have re-charged their batteries ready for the next term.

Year 6 sat a mock SATs before the break. Papers have been sent home and I have recommend, for homework this week, spending some time looking through these with your children. This is important so that they can show you their successes and ask for your advice and help in areas that are more challenging for them.

It hasn't all been English and maths. In addition to topic lessons, music and French, we had a number of visitors in the past few terms including a Hindu teacher, Imam Sayf telling the children about his faith and a visit from Mr. Singh telling the children about Sikhism.

In the coming weeks, we will also take part in World Book Day activities and learn alongside some visiting scientists as a part of our Science Week.

Maths & English

The children have now sat their fourth SATs paper in test conditions. Using these results we can begin to see how children will most likely do. Above all, they identify gaps that we can work on in the coming months. Test results have informed the content of coming lessons, as well as group or individual interventions.

For your information, each paper has its own grading (so, for example there is a grade for the arithmetic paper) and then there is an overall combined percentage and the final grading (arithmetic, reasoning 1 and reasoning 2).

As the term progresses we will regularly revise key concepts so that they become as fluent as possible in the application of their knowledge.

We will also have a final 'mock' where we use both the year 6 and year 5 classrooms to prepare the children for the way we 'take over' the bottom of the school during the real thing.

Our Value for this month is Care

Topic

We continue learning about the Maya this term, looking at their religious beliefs and the reasons their culture and civilisation declined.

We are looking forward to our visit to the Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford where we will take part in a workshop looking at Mayan artefacts.

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.

As we prepare for May, we will send home SATs-type papers for the children to work through. As reading is a national priority - being a key skill for the future - each week children will be asked to complete a section of a reading paper. Alongside the reading paper will be one of the other key areas, such as an arithmetic paper or a SPAG paper.

Please remind your child that they can work through the paper as an activity, not a timed test. They can seek advice from an adult if they are stuck and can use the answers to check their progress.

Dates and Things to Remember

5th March – year 5 & 6 trip to the Pitt Rivers museum in Oxford

11th May – 14th May – year 6 SATs week

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