



# WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Remote Learning

Firstly, a huge well done to everyone who has been regularly completing their remote learning. The government expectations are significant and I do realise that families are trying to juggle work commitments and remote learning for all the children in the household. Please continue to do as much as you can and remember:

- When children come to school because parents are critical workers, they are not expected to complete extra work at home as well – we will try to complete this at school and it will be checked by an adult instead of being uploaded onto Google Classroom.
- If you or your child is struggling, it is ok to not complete all the lessons. If you make this decision, try focus on the English and Maths learning as these are sequential.
- Don't feel that you have to print everything – view on screen and complete in the books provided in your learning pack. Or if you prefer, complete on a Google Doc.
- Build in time for chilling and exercise – these are just as important for the family and supports good mental health.
- Turn in the activity (mark as done) so that we can see what you have completed and respond accordingly.
- Try to build a routine within your household – children respond best when there is consistency and routine.

## Google Meets

You will have noticed that remote learning looks slightly different this week. We have included recorded daily 'Welcome' videos so that children can see their classteacher and receive some feedback for the day. I know some parents have requested live lessons but as so many of our families are juggling work and remote learning with siblings, we have decided that recordings better suit different families needs.

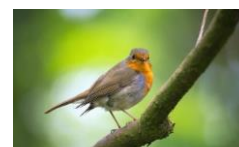
We have also introduced Google Meets for children to join their teacher and class. These are live sessions and are a good way for the children to talk to their classteacher. All teachers have been asked to provide at least two of these sessions from next week. Please support your child with these and follow the guidance provided by classteachers so that we can maintain pupil safety and organised sessions.

We have found that this week, Google have changed their settings associated with Google Hangouts. We would ask you to ensure that your child does not use this facility and we have asked our IT technician to change the settings back again to prevent usage so that the older children can concentrate on their learning instead of chatting to their peers on our system.

## **RSPB – Bird Watch 29-31<sup>st</sup> January 2021**

**If the snow does not appear and you are looking for a nice family activity, why not join in with the RSPB Birdwatch Weekend. For more information:**

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/everything-you-need-to-know-about-big-garden-birdwatch>



## **Our Value for this month is Honesty**

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