



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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JO ELIJAH VISIT



As part of our RE curriculum, Jo Elijah came to visit Reception, Year 1 and 2 children to look at the Jewish culture and religion. The children particularly enjoyed the different artefacts and doughnut treat called a Sufganiyah.

MOBILE PHONES FOR CHILDREN

I am aware that as children grow older they start to have their own mobile phones. Please note that children are not permitted to have their phone in school, including lockers. Should parents insist that their child needs their phone for walking to and from school, please ensure that the phone is handed into the office each day. This reduces the temptation of using their devices and the phones can be kept safe.



Congratulations

We were delighted to receive a letter from the Minister of Schools, Rt Damian Hinds, congratulating our school on our children's achievements in multiplication skills. Last June our Year 4 children completed the government check and the average results for the class was 24.3 out of a total of 25. These results put our school in the top 200 performing schools in England. Multiplication timetables are crucial building blocks in helping our children with their maths learning and take a significant time to master, starting in Year 2 with the basic timetables facts. We recognise that this cannot be achieved without the regular support and encouragement from families at home and thank you for your continued support with this. Well done one and all!

YEAR 5 – WOW DAY

Year 5 learnt about the Mayans during their WOW Day. The Mayans believed that the sky was held up by 4 elephant type beings called Babca. They also believed that the world was created by two superior beings who took a few attempts to get it right. They made humans from wood first but they had no thoughts or feelings, then men from clay but they broke. Finally, they created humans for the Earth. Below are some of the clay glyph tiles ... children learnt about how the Mayans wrote with symbols and picked their favourite to form a tri word on their tiles.



Our value for the month is **HAPPINESS**

VALUE OF THE MONTH AWARD

In addition to our value stars, we award a special pin badge to one child in each year group who has upheld our value of the month. The awards for this month go to:-

Rec	Grace
Year 1	Thea
Year 2	Mace
Year 3	Oliver
Year 4	Finlay
Year 5	Faith
Year 6	Joshua

Dates for the Diary

January 2024

Mon 29 th	Multi Sports – Yr 1 & 2 (Guilsborough Academy)
Tues 30 th	Year 6 Houses of Parliament Visit
<u>February</u>	
Thurs 1 st	Year 3 & 4 WOW Day
Fri 16 th	Term Ends

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