



# WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## CONFLICT IN UKRAINE

We understand that some of our children may be struggling a little with what is going on in the World at the moment and the press coverage connected with Ukraine. Please find below a link which you may find helpful. We plan to lead an assembly about the conflict in Ukraine for Years 2 to 6. This will take place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March which will focus on some basic facts and we will use the attached PowerPoint produced by Picture News to help with this. Please note we will not be watching Newsround or other film clips with this as we do not want children to feel anxious. If you do not want your child to take part in this assembly, please email [cbowers@westhaddon.northants.sch.uk](mailto:cbowers@westhaddon.northants.sch.uk) prior to Monday morning.

We also recognise that children may ask us questions at different points over the next few weeks. Our usual policy is to try to answer questions using facts, however, if we do not feel comfortable with the questions asked, we will refer this back to you as parents so that you can follow this up.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-12-23/illustrated-guide-coping-traumatic-news/5985104?nw=0&r=HtmlFragment>

## The Importance of Times Tables

The National Curriculum expects that children should achieve the following:

Year 2 – 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's

Year 3 – 4's and 8's as well as Y2 tables

Year 4 – all tables up to 12 times 12.

Year 5 and 6 – related division facts and multiples of tables eg  $6 \times 70 = 420$  and  $42 \div 7 = 6$ .

At the end of Year 4 all children will have a computerised test which expects the children to answer each question within 6 seconds. For children who have already experienced this, it is quite tough but the timings are really important as a quick recall of times tables facts is a very important life skill that impacts on much of a child's maths learning in Upper Key Stage 2. Please can you help your child to practise times tables regularly so that speed and confidence can be developed. We will also do the same at school but school practise alone is often not enough.

I would recommend little and often. Some useful processes include singing and chanting; counting; look and cover and say and write and check; using of Maths Frame. <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

By working together I am sure we can crack this. Have fun!

## WORLD BOOK DAY



Well done to everyone for supporting this event – the children looked fabulous and we enjoyed focussing our learning on reading.

## Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 & 2 Production
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Egg Competition
<u>April</u>	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Term Ends
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Training Day

## Headteacher Awards and Value Star Awards



**Our Value for this month is EASTER**

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