



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 3

Year 1

Welcome

I hope that everyone had a great holiday. Thank you so much for the generous voucher and lovely gifts. This term our topic is called 'Brr it's cold'. We will be looking at seasonal weather patterns and focussing on cold places on the Earth. The book Penguin Small will form the basis of our literacy work together with non fiction books about the Arctic and Antarctic and weather poems. Your children have been amazing and have all risen to the not inconsiderable challenges of year 1, I am very proud of them. We will continue to build on this super start and consolidate understanding and move towards greater independence and asking questions. We have student working with us this term. I'm sure Ms Mutton will be impressed with the class.

Maths

We will be focussing on place value and addition and subtraction with larger numbers. We will continue to problem solve and develop independence and fluency to find solutions in different ways. We will count in 2's, 5's and 10's and explore doubling numbers. Gradually moving from use of objects to representation using pictures and abstract recording.

English

Our literacy will be taught through our topic book, Penguin Small by Mick Inkpen and a specific reading, handwriting and phonics session each day will support this. We will be getting to know the characters in our book and continue to develop the children's ability to construct sentences that are punctuated, correctly formed and neatly written in a joined style. We will work on suffixes and the prefix 'un' together with singular to plural work.. We will also focus on non fiction by finding out about the Arctic and Antarctica and the animals that live there. We will look at weather poems and perform parts of them. Your child will continue to bring home a reading book linked to the phonic level they have been assessed at. We also read a range of other books in our guided reading sessions. There will be a new class reading book sent home for you to enjoy at home.

Dates and Things to Remember

PE days are Wednesday and Thursday. Reading books are changed on Mondays. Homework is issued on Fridays and handed in on Wednesdays. Spellings are issued on Fridays and tested the following Friday.

We have a visit from Jo Elijah on the 22nd January to talk about her Jewish faith

Topic

In Geography we will learning about weather and the seasons which links to our Science topic, 'Seasonal Changes' We will learn about why we have seasons, what happens in different seasons and the affect of weather on our lives and land. Our Art unit is called 'Make your Mark', focussing on drawing and observational drawing. PSHE will focus on dreams and goals. Our RE topic is "The family in Judaism", together with consideration of our Christian values. Mrs Welch will continue to teach computing, music and PSHE. In PE we will be focussing on gymnastics and dance. Please ensure all kit and uniform is named as again we had a lot of unnamed stuff last term. Please also ensure children bring in their water bottles every day.

Homework

Weekly homework will be reading, spellings and a page from the Maths and an English homework books that will be given out on Fridays with a page reference. Also a writing task every 4 weeks and a 20 word spelling test at the end of term.

**Our Value for this month is
Hope**

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