



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 2

Year 2

Welcome

I hope that you all had a relaxing half term break and that the children are ready for another exciting and busy term. The children settled in very well last term and I'm sure that they will continue to persevere, manage distractions and be absorbed in their learning. Towards the end of term, we will be carrying out assessments to identify any gaps in learning. We will of course have Christmas activities to look forward to as well.

Dates and Things to Remember

PE days: **Tuesday and Wednesday**

Topic

Our History this term focuses on learning about a significant person in local history (Walter Tull) and a major event (World War One). Walter Tull was a professional footballer who played for Northampton Town before signing up to fight in the First World War. A memorial to him is located near the Cobblers ground. A visitor will be coming in this term to talk about WW1 and show us many interesting artefacts. In Science we will be learning about habitats and microhabitats. In Design Technology we will be investigating structures. In RE we will be learning about how Hindus celebrate Raksha Bandhan and later in the term we will explore why Christmas matters to Christians. We will be learning about orchestral instruments in music lessons and in PSHE we will be focusing on Celebrating Differences including anti-bullying. In PE we will be focusing on gymnastics and indoor athletics. We will be learning about how to keep safe online in computing lessons.

**Our Value for this month is
Forgiveness**

Maths

This term in maths, we will continue our addition and subtraction learning, using resources such as Base 10 to support the children's understanding. We will solve a variety of problems which will enable the children to apply their understanding of place value, addition and subtraction. We will continue to focus on counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s and learning multiplication facts for these times tables. We will be learning about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes later in the term. We will also continue to have weekly mental maths lessons which focus on a variety of different areas.

English

In English we will be using the book 'The Little Hen and The Great War' as well as other topic books to inspire our writing. We will write about Walter Tull and significant events in the First World War. We will continue to practise writing sentences containing capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will also be working hard on adding descriptive words in our writing as well as different sentence openers and sentence types (statement, question, exclamation, command). We will continue to learn spelling rules in class. Please continue to work on spellings at home - look, say, cover, write, check is a good way to practise.

Homework

Class Reading Book - Mad About Dinosaurs (more info on homework sheet).
Again, if you are unsure of anything, please don't hesitate to contact me.
Miss Leggett 😊