



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 4

Year 4

Welcome

Welcome back!

We hope you have had a lovely, relaxing week off. Year four have another exciting term ahead of them. We will continue with our ukulele sessions each Friday. It has been fantastic to see the children growing in confidence each week. We will also be doing a few DT projects this term in both PSHE sessions and Art sessions.

Dates and Things to Remember

P.E. days this term will continue to be on Mondays. However, it may be easier to bring kits in on Monday and leave them at school until Friday each week just in case they are needed unexpectedly. Please send your children in with a water bottle each day to keep them fully hydrated. In Year 4 this term, there will be a big focus on independence and organisation as we want the children to become more self-reliant and resourceful.

- **Parents Evening** – 27th, 28th and 29th of February
- **Church Worship** – Happiness – Friday 1st March
- **World Book Day** – Dress up as your favourite book character – Thursday 7th March
- **Ukulele Performance to parents and carers** – Friday 22nd March
- **Church Worship** – Easter – Friday 27th March

Topic

This term in Topic, we will be continuing our work on natural disasters. We will resume looking at volcanoes and how they are formed and then we will move on to other natural disasters in more detail such as: tornadoes, earthquakes, floods, tsunamis and wildfires.



**Our Value for this month is
Happiness**

Maths

This term, the children will be focussing heavily on the unit of fractions. We will be looking at areas such as: equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions, fractions of amounts and fraction problem solving questions. We will also start to look at the links between fractions and decimals. We will link our homework closely to what we are learning in school.

The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) test is looming closer and will be carried out in June this year. We would appreciate it if you could support your child with learning their multiplication tables at home on a regular basis in order to help their pace of recall and accuracy. Practising online using a touchscreen in the same format as the test will be invaluable. A good website to help your children work on a touchscreen against the clock is

www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check

English

In English this term, we will be writing a story based on our own experience using The Fire Work Maker's Daughter as a stimulus. After this, we will be writing a newspaper report about survivors of natural disasters. We will be linking this heavily with our Topic work. The children will be focussing on writing complex sentences using fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases to develop their creative writing.

Homework

Children will continue to be set Maths and SPAG homework in their CGP books each week on Thursdays. This is due in the following Tuesday. Please ensure that your child is reading at home at least twice per week. If your child chooses to read independently, please still ensure that this is signed. Regular spelling practice will also ensure that children score well on their weekly tests each Tuesday. Please recap previous spellings from time to time to help your child retain them in their long-term memory.

Our new class book, The Firework Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman, will also be given out this term. Please ensure your child is also regularly reading this. The children's previous class reader, Stig of the Dump by Clive King, is to be returned on the first week back (26th February – 1st March). Our class books are numbered to check any that are missing.

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