



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring Term

Year 5

Welcome

I hope that you have enjoyed your half term break and the children are reenergized after a busy first half term. I am looking forward to updating you on their progress during Parents' Evenings this week.

As always, please do not hesitate to come and see me at any point over the term to discuss how things are going or if you have any questions or concerns about your child. I will be available after school on the gate on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The school office is always able to get a message through to me also.

Maths

In maths this term we will complete our focus area of fractions, decimals and percentages. We then build on our Year 4 understanding of statistics.

We will continue to maintain our rapid recall of multiplication tables as well as corresponding division facts. Thank you for all of your continued support with this. Recommended websites are in Google Classroom if your children would like to practise interactively.

Dates and Things to Remember

This term we are will be continuing our progression with swimming on Thursday afternoons. There will be one week where the children are learning about water safety and will be required to swim in clothes. I will give advance notice of what they will need (PE kits **worn over swimming costumes** are ideal as they are lightweight) and when this will be.

In addition, children need to keep in school an art apron (a large old T-shirt or shirt would be ideal) as we will continue with plenty of art.

English

The children completed some wonderful writing last term writing fables based on Mayan animals along with recounts for different audiences. This term they will be writing from different perspectives.

It remains extremely important that your child is reading regularly at home. As part of their homework in Year 5, children need to continue to read at least twice a week with an adult at home. Please initial reading records, these will continue to be collected each Wednesday. In addition, children will continue with a reading comprehension task each week as part of their homework.

Topic

This term the children will look at a new topic focused on Our Changing World. Through a thematic approach the children will make links between many of their subjects, incorporating work through literacy and geography. Please feel free to share any topic related show and tell on Fridays. This really enriches the children's experience and is a pleasure to explore.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and should be handed in by the following Tuesday. A weekly spelling test will take place each Thursday morning. Our half term 40 word spelling test will take place on **Wednesday 27th March**.

Times tables and division facts will continue to be tested on Wednesdays.

Our class book this term is Skellig by David Almond.

**Our Value for this month is
Happiness**

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