



# WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 1

Year 1

## Welcome

I hope that everyone had a great holiday. I am really excited to get to know your children. Our topic for this term is called 'Road Trip' and our book focus is 'Katie in London' by James Mayhew. I hope that this sheet gives you a brief outline of the term and that the transition from Reception to Year 1 is a smooth one. If there is anything that you are unsure of, worried about or indeed if you just want a chat please pop in at any time.

Children do not need to bring in a water bottle as I have individual cups for them, fresh fruit is provided for snack. Please could your child bring in an old T shirt or apron that can stay in school for the year as our art work can get rather messy!

## Dates and Things to Remember

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

## Topic

In Geography we will be learning about the countries that make up the UK and the capital cities. We shall compare cities, towns and villages. In Design Technology we will be designing and making a London bus with moving wheels. PSHE will focus on feeling safe and special. Our RE topic is 'What do Christians believe God is like?', together with consideration of our Christian values. Science work will focus on 'Materials' with lots of experiments and investigations to find out what things are made of and the properties of different materials. In ICT we will be using programmable toys and considering safe use of the internet. In PE we will be focussing on gymnastics and games through our 'Real PE' program. Please ensure that your child always has a PE kit including appropriate outside foot wear, such as trainers, in school.

**Our Value for this month is  
Respect**

## Maths

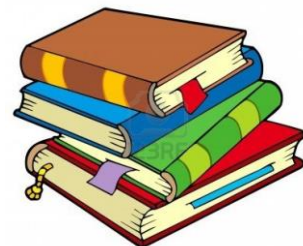
Our maths will build on the children's knowledge and consolidate understanding of the number system, recognising and using number, knowing about 1 more and 1 less, basic addition and subtraction and place value together with mental maths and problem solving skills. We will be working practically and pictorially moving towards abstract recording

## English

Our literacy will be taught through our topic book and a specific reading, handwriting and phonics session each day will support this. We will be getting to know the characters in this book and using it to write our own adventure stories. We will also listen to the poem 'They're changing the guards at Buckingham Palace' by AA Milne. Your child will bring home an Oxford Reading Tree book/s each week that will be changed on a Monday, I do not share these in school as we have some fabulous and varied books that we will base our reading sessions around. The ORT books will be for you to share at home together with a library book of your child's choice.

## Homework

Weekly homework will be reading, spellings (there will be a letter in the children's book bag to explain our spelling system) and children will also have a Maths and an English homework book that will be given out on Fridays with a page reference, I will send an additional letter about this.



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