



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 2

Year 1

Welcome

I hope that everyone had a great holiday. Our focus for this term is called 'Mexico' and our book focus is 'Adelita' by Tomie daPaola which is a Mexican Cinderella fairy tale. I hope that this sheet gives you a brief outline of the term. Your children have been amazing and have all risen to the not inconsiderable challenges of Year 1, I am very proud of them. 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.

Maths

We will be focussing on addition and subtraction including recognising these as inverse operations and pairs of numbers to make 10. Our place value work will continue, moving children from working practically to pictorially and then abstract manipulation of numbers. We will continue read, write and interpret maths statements and problem solving.

Dates and Things to Remember

Our wow day will be on Monday 31st October.

The children can come dressed in bright clothing, ponchos and sombreros. PE days are Wednesday and Thursday. Reading books, including self chosen library 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.

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 comparing Adelita with the traditional Cinderella fairy tale. We will also look at non fiction books related to Mexico. Your child will continue to bring home a reading book each week that is linked to their assessed phonics level. During our group reading sessions we use a range of other fabulous and varied books. Your child will also chose a reading book from the classroom and it is important for them to also read/ enjoy these. There will also be a new class reader sent home for you to enjoy over the next 6 weeks. Spellings will continue to be based on the year 1 spelling rules. Please ask your child to trace over my writing and continue to write them in a joined style with correct formation.

Topic

Our Geography focus will be comparing the Mexican village of Tocuaro with West Haddon, including human and physical features. Our science topic is called 'Humans and other animals' and the focus this term will be on humans, especially our senses. The art units are called 'Make your mark' focussing on drawing and 'Make a splash' focussing on painting. PSHE will focus on 'Celebrating difference'. Our RE topics are 'How and why do Hindus celebrate Diwali', 'The family in Judaism', 'Incarnation, why does Christmas matter to Christians' together with consideration of our Christian values. In ICT we will look at pictograms and continue to use Purple Mash and pay regard to online safety. In PE we will be focussing on dance and games. Please ensure that your child always has a PE kit, including appropriate outside foot wear, such as trainers, in school.

Homework

Weekly homework will be reading, spellings and a page from the Maths and English homework books that will be given out on Fridays with a page reference. Also towards the end of term there will be another writing task and a 20 word spelling test of the words covered this term.

**Our Value for this month is
Respect**

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