



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 3

Year 1

Welcome

I hope that everyone had a great holiday. Thank you so much for the lovely gifts.

This term our topic is called 'Into The Unknown'. We will be studying the lives of Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. The book 'Man On The Moon' by Simon Bartram will form the basis of our literacy work together with The Owl and the Pussy Cat and The Jumblies by Edward Lear and non fiction books about our explorers.

Your children have been amazing and have all risen to the not inconsiderable challenges of year 1, I am very proud of them. Curriculum days begin this term so please ensure you check dates and send children to school in scruffy clothes.

Maths

We will be learning focussing on 3D and 2D shapes. Our place value work will continue, as will our exploration of addition and subtraction using larger numbers. We will continue to problem solve and develop independence to find solutions in different ways. We will count in 2's, 5's and 10's and explore doubling numbers

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 our book and continue to develop the children's ability to construct sentences that are punctuated well formed and neatly written in a joined style. We will work on suffixes and the prefix 'un' together with singular to plural work.. We will also focus on non fiction by finding out about explorers, and travel. We will look at our poems and perform parts of them. Your child will continue to bring home a reading book linked to the phonic level they have been assessed at. We also read a range of other books in our guided reading sessions. There will be a new class reading book sent home for you to enjoy at home.

Dates and Things to Remember

PE days are Wednesday and Thursday. Reading 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. Curriculum days

6th January and 3rd February

Topic

In History we will learning about the explorers and how travel has changed over time. Our science topic is 'Humans and other animals' with the focus on animal groups such as amphibians, mammals and reptiles. In DT we will be making puppets and then looking at sculpture in art. PSHE will focus on dreams and goals. Our RE topic is 'The family in Judaism', together with consideration of our Christian values. Mrs Welch will continue to teach computing, music and PSHE. In PE we will be focussing on gymnastics and games. Please ensure that your child always has a PE kit including appropriate outside foot wear, such as trainers, in school. Please also ensure all kit and uniform is named as we had a lot of unnamed stuff last term. Please also ensure children bring in their water bottles every day.

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 a writing task every 4 weeks and a 20 word spelling test at the end of term.

**Our Value for this month is
Hope**

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