



# WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 3

Year 1

## Welcome

I hope that everyone had a great holiday. Thank you so much for the generous voucher and lovely gifts. This term our topic is called 'Brr it's cold'. We will be looking at seasonal weather patterns and focussing on cold places on the Earth. The book Penguin Small will form the basis of our literacy work together with non-fiction books about the Arctic and Antarctic. Your children have been amazing and have all risen to the not inconsiderable challenges of year 1, I am very proud of them. We will continue to build on this super start and consolidate understanding and move towards greater independence and asking questions.

## Dates and Things to Remember

PE is on a Tuesday. Reading books are changed on a Monday. Homework is issued on Friday and handed in on Wednesday. Spellings are issued on Friday and tested the following Friday.

We have a visit from the Life Education team on 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb

## Topic

In Geography we will be learning about weather and the seasons which links to our Science topic, 'Seasonal Changes' We will learn about why we have seasons, what happens in different seasons and the affect of weather on our lives and land. Our Art unit is called 'Exploring Line and Shape', focussing on drawing and the portraits of Paul Klee. PSHE will focus on Keeping Safe. Our RE topic is Creation, who do Christians believe made the World? 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 dance taught by Mr Stoneman. Please ensure all kit and uniform is named as we had a lot of unnamed items last term.

**Our Value for this month is  
Hope**

## Maths

We will be focussing on place value and addition and subtraction with larger numbers. We will continue to problem solve and develop independence and fluency to find solutions in different ways. We will count in 2's, 5's and 10's and explore doubling numbers. Gradually moving from use of objects to representation using pictures and abstract recording.

## English

Our literacy will be taught through our topic book, "Penguin Small" by Mick Inkpen 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, correctly 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 the Arctic and Antarctica and the animals/humans that live there. Your child will continue to bring home a reading book linked to the phonic level they have been assessed at and a book chosen by me. 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.

## Homework

Weekly homework will be reading, spellings and a page from the Maths and English homework books that will be given out on a Friday with a page reference. Also a writing task at the end of term and a 20 word spelling test at the end of term.