



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 6

Year 1

Welcome

Goodness me the final term! This week I will be carrying out the Year 1 phonic screening, I'm sure everyone will do really well. We also have our educational visit to the 'Think Tank' to look forward to. We will be doing some fieldwork outside for our PSHE, Changing Me topic and geography field work on our local environment. Later in the term we have sports day and we will be practising our athletics skills running up to this. We will also be doing maths and literacy tests in preparation for the move to Year 2. What a busy term again!

Maths

We will be continuing to work on place value using larger numbers and the ability to add and subtract. We will be moving from using resources such as counters to using number lines and abstract methods. We will also focus position and turn, money and time. We will continue to work on problem solving techniques. Thank you for reviewing the homework book, we will revisit areas of concern.

Dates and Things to Remember

PE days are Tuesday and Thursday. We will be outside for most PE sessions, please ensure children have named PE kits. 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.

Phonics screening 7th and 8th June

Think Tank 17th June.

English

Our literacy will be taught through our topic theme and a specific reading, handwriting and phonics session each day will support this. We will focus on developing the children's ability to write sequential narratives, punctuation and using expanded noun phrases, together with suffixes, prefixes, plural and singular work. We will continue to work on handwriting and developing a consistent joined style. The children will continue to have 10 spellings a week that focus on a specific year 1 rule. We are developing writing skills by using complex sentences and adventurous vocabulary. As children become more confident with applying their phonic knowledge we will move towards developing comprehension skills and especially inference. At home please talk to children about their understanding of whatever they read.

Topic

Our topic is called 'Changes'. We will be looking at inventions such as the light bulb, and no it wasn't Thomas Edison! Who was John Logie Baird? and changes in transport and significant inventors such as Karl Benz, the Wright brothers and George Stevenson. We will be learning about the Victorian era and how our way of life has changed since then. In science we will continue to look at plants and how they change from seeds to plants, look at and learn about deciduous and evergreen trees and plants for different purposes. In art we will look at the work of Nick Parks, focussing on sculpture as a 3D art form. In RE we will consider 'What is the good news Jesus brings' and looking at the Bible. PE will focus on athletics and dance. Our ICT scheme and PSHE curriculum will continue to build on prior learning.

Homework

Weekly homework will be reading, spellings and a page from the Maths and an English homework books that will be given out on Fridays with a page reference. Also the occasional request for information related to our topic.

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