



# WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 2

Year 2

## Welcome

I hope that you all had a relaxing half term break and that you are ready for a busy but exciting term! It was good to talk about how your child has settled in and the progress they have made so far. At the end of term, we will be carrying out assessments to identify any gaps in learning. We will of course have Christmas activities to look forward to as well!

## Dates and Things to Remember

PE days: **Tuesday and Wednesday**

Please hand in reading books on a Monday so they can be changed. Please provide your child with an apron or old t-shirt for art if you haven't done so already.

## Topic

Our Geography learning this term focuses on Mexico and we will enjoy finding out about Mexico during our Wow Day on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October! Please feel free to dress up in bright colours. We will learn map skills such as being able to locate the UK and Mexico and we will compare the human and physical features of West Haddon and a Mexican village called Tocuaro. We will use a range of maps, diagrams and aerial photos to help us do this. In art we will be exploring clay with the aim of making our own clay tiles. Our science focus this term is 'Living Things and Their Habitats'. In our RE we will learn about the importance of family in Hinduism and also learn about why Christmas matters to Christians. Our PSHE topic is 'Celebrating Differences' and we will also be learning about Anti-Bullying. In music the children will be introduced to the instruments of the orchestra and practice identifying these within a piece of music.

**Our Value for this month is  
Respect**

## Maths

This term in maths, we will continue our addition and subtraction learning, using resources such as Base 10 to support the children's understanding. We will solve a variety of problems which will enable the children to apply their understanding of place value, addition and subtraction e.g. missing number problems and inverse calculations. We will continue to focus on counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s and learn multiplication facts for these times tables. Please continue to learn these times tables at home so your child can confidently recall them.

## English

In English we will be exploring fairy tales. We will compare Cinderella with the Mexican version of the fairy tale called Adelita. We will write our own fairy tales and later this term we will write information texts about Mexico using our geographical knowledge. We will also look at poems and write our own senses poem. We will continue to learn new spelling rules in class. Please continue to work on the weekly spelling rules at home - look, say, cover, write, check. We will test the children on 20 spelling words from this term at the end of term. Our class reading book this term is 'Mad about Dinosaurs.'

## Homework

Thank you for your continued support with homework. Homework will continue in the same format. If you are unsure of anything or have any worries, please don't hesitate get in contact. Miss Leggett

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