



# WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn Term

Year 4

## Welcome

Welcome to Year 4! I hope that you have enjoyed a fantastic summer and are ready for the new school year ahead. Please feel free to talk to me about any queries or concerns over the term. I will be available after school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons or alternatively, please contact the office to arrange an appointment.

Now that the children are in Year 4 they are dismissed from the classroom at the end of the school day as a class. They are no longer "handed over" to individual parents. We ask that children leave when they can see their adult. If you are not visible from the classroom door, i.e. you arrange to meet your child outside a KS1 classroom, please advise in advance so that we allow your child to leave.

## Maths

In Maths we will focus on place value as well as extending our understanding and use of formal written methods for addition and subtraction. We will continue to focus on rapid recall of multiplication tables which is extremely important and supports children with a solid foundation and fluency in maths. This year, the government has introduced a Key Stage 2 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) that all Year 4 pupils will take in Summer Term 2020. The purpose of this government led test is to determine whether Year 4 pupils can fluently recall multiplication tables in accordance with the National Curriculum objectives. Supporting your child to learn their tables at home on a regular basis would be appreciated and will help their pace of recall and accuracy. More details will be published over the year regarding the online test. Practising online using a touch screen in the same format as the test will be invaluable. A good website to help your children work on a touch screen against the clock is <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

## Dates and Things to Remember

Our PE lessons will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that your child has appropriate kit for indoor and outdoor P.E. For this first half term we will be swimming. In addition, children need to keep in school an art apron (a large old T-shirt or shirt would be ideal.)

## Topic

This term our class topic will be based around the theme of the Romans. The topic will be introduced on our Romans Wow Day on Tuesday 17th September. Please send your children to school in messy clothes for this day.

Through a thematic approach the children will make links between many of their subjects over the term, incorporating work through literacy, history and art.

Please feel free to share any topic related show and tell on Fridays. This really enriches the children's experience and is a pleasure to explore.

## English

It remains extremely important that your child is reading regularly at home. Please ensure that your child has the opportunity to read a range of texts both independently as well as with an adult to encourage confidence, progression and most importantly, a love of reading. As part of their homework, children need to read at least twice a week with an adult at home. Please initial reading records, these will be collected each Tuesday.

## Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and should be handed in the following Tuesday. Spellings will continue in the previous year's format with a weekly spelling test each Thursday morning. Times tables will be tested on Tuesdays. Our class book this term is The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo.

**Our Value for this month is  
Respect**

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