



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn - Term 2

Year 4

Welcome

Welcome back! We hope you've had a restful break. We have a busy term coming up including the continuation of weekly swimming lessons and the Christmas production. We have already sent home the children's lines for them to learn and costume letters will be sent within the next few weeks, as well as more details closer to the time.

Dates and Things to Remember

Children should bring in a water bottle that will be returned home every day.

Our PE lessons will be on Thursdays and initially this year, we will be doing Swimming instead of a second PE slot. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit for indoor and outdoor PE and that kits are brought in Mondays and taken home again on Fridays. **Swimming sessions will continue from Wednesday 2nd November until Christmas. Swimming sessions will now be on Wednesday afternoons.** Children will no longer need to come to school with their swimming costumes under their uniforms as we now have an afternoon session. Please ensure that they have a swimming hat, a towel and a change of clean underwear.

Our Year 3 & 4 Christmas Play will be on **Thursday 8th December. It is called "Go For Gold" and is all about Ancient Greece and the Olympic Games.** Please encourage your children to learn the song lyrics and their individual lines. We look forward to seeing you there!

Collective Worship – Respect – Friday 25th November

Collective Worship – Christmas – Friday 16th November

Homework

Homework will be set each Thursday and should be handed in the following Tuesday. It should be marked with an adult at home. Homework will include weekly spellings to practise. **The weekly spelling test will take place each Tuesday morning.** Times tables will be tested on Tuesdays. Our class book this term is "The Iron Man" by Ted Hughes. Please ensure that the children keep up to date with their class book reading as there will be a short assessment on this at the end of the term.

**Our Value for this month is
Respect**

Maths

During our first few weeks in school, we will be continuing with our work on area. Following that, we will begin to look at multiplication and division as well as extending our understanding and use of formal written methods for this. 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. **The government has introduced a Key Stage 2 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) that all Year 4 pupils will take in Summer Term 2023.** The purpose of this government-led test is to determine whether Year 4 pupils can fluently recall multiplication tables up to 12×12 in accordance with the National Curriculum objectives. We would appreciate it if you could support your child with learning their multiplication tables at home on a regular basis in order to help their pace of recall and accuracy. Practising online using a touchscreen or keypad in the same format as the test will be invaluable. A good website to help your children work against the clock is

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

English

This term, the children will continue with their work on playscripts. They will then explore the historical story of Alexander The Great which we will link with our History work on the ancient Greeks.

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. Stage books, assigned at their own individual reading level, should be brought home from school to read. Please initial the children's reading records each week. These will be collected in each Tuesday.

Topic

In Topic sessions, we will continue to learn about Ancient Greece. In this unit of work, we will use primary and secondary sources, maps and evaluate how modern day life has been influenced by the Greeks.

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