



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 3

Year 4

Welcome

I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break and that the children are refreshed and ready to start another busy and exciting term. Thank you so much from all Year 4 staff for the lovely Christmas presents, they were very much appreciated.

Maths

In maths this term we will be continuing our focusing on multiplication and division. In addition, we will start work on area as well as fractions.

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. In school, the children will continue with their rapid recall practise along with their weekly Tuesday test. Thank you for supporting your child to learn their tables at home, doing this on a regular basis really helps their pace of recall and accuracy. Now that the children are becoming more fluent in their tables, 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

The children will be taking part in their first Curriculum Day of the year on Friday 10th January. Please ensure they wear messy clothes and have art aprons in school for this.

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

The Year 4 class assembly will be on Friday 7th February where we will be looking forward to sharing some of the year so far.

Topic

This term we will be starting a new topic based on Natural Disasters and, using a thematic approach, will make links across English, geography and art. To start our topic we will be having a Wow Day on 13th January. The day will be creative and hands on, so children are asked to wear scruffy home clothes that may get dirty. We will continue to run our Show and Tell sessions on Friday afternoons with topic related items. Thank you to all of those children who have shared their items already, they have been fascinating.

English

Writing genres this term are non-chronological reports and linking our experiences to a story. It remains extremely important that your child is reading regularly at home. 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. Weekly spelling tests will be on Thursdays.

**Our Value for this month is
Honesty**

Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and should be handed in the following Tuesday. Our class book this term is Stig of the Dump by Clive King.

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