



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring

Year 4

Welcome

Welcome back to another busy and exciting term. I hope that the children have already enjoyed our mystery day out linked to our current English writing. Thank you for your time this week at Parents' Evenings. I hope that you have enjoyed seeing your child's progress over the past term.

Dates and Things to Remember

Exciting dates this term include:

- World Book Day on Friday 6th March
- British Science Week from 9th – 13th March
- Curriculum Day on Friday 20th March

Our PE lessons will continue to 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 Spelling Bee will take place on Thursday 26th March.

Topic

This term we will be continuing our geography based topic on Natural Disasters. We will make links across English, geography, art and DT. 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.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and should be handed in the following Tuesday. Our class book this term is The Iron Man by Ted Hughes.

Maths

In maths this term we will be focusing on fractions and decimals.

We will continue to focus on rapid recall of multiplication tables and our weekly times table challenge showing the children's progress will continue on Tuesday mornings. By the end of this year all children need to be fluent in their recall of multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12. 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 summer test will be invaluable.

Good free websites to help your children work on a touch screen against the clock are:

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

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

English

Writing genres this term are stories in a real setting and newspaper reports.

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. If children would like to bring in a recommended book to share with the class for Show and Tell sessions on Fridays, this would be lovely to hear about.

**Our Value for this month is
Care**

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