



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 1 and 2

Year 5

I hope you have all had great summer holidays and are fully refreshed ready to be back for the new school year. I am delighted to be teaching your children again and am very much looking forward to a fun filled productive year ahead.

Please do not hesitate to come and see me at any point over the term to discuss how things are going or if you have any issues. I am looking forward to a successful year.



Maths

In Maths this term, we will be concentrating on place value and the 4 operations. Please continue to ensure that your child practises their times tables regularly as these skills will be crucial for the learning in Year 5. Our aim in Year 5, is for all children to be fluent in formal written methods such as long multiplication and long division as well as short forms of addition and subtraction.

English

We are providing both a class reading book and a Stage Reading book. This term, the class reading book is 'The Borrowers' which will be set in the homework. When reading with your child, please fill in the Reading Record book or your child can fill it in if reading independently. We will be checking Reading Records on a Tuesday along with homework as reading is now so important for your child as they enter upper KS2.

I will be providing children with a list of recommended books for their age group. We will have a book review session once a week when I will invite children who have read a book from the list to discuss their views, thoughts and whether they would recommend the book to the rest of the class.

Dates and Things to Remember

Year 5 P.E. days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

It would also be helpful if the children could also keep an old shirt (with long sleeves) at school to protect their school uniform when painting etc.

Topic

Our topic this term is Invaders and Settlers. We are planning to have our WOW Day on Friday 6th September 2019 when the children will be designing and making their own Anglo-Saxon broaches. Please could your children come to school in messy clothes for this art work. Much of our literacy, DT and Art this term is based on our topic which will hopefully inspire the children. In science, our topic is plants.

I particularly remember this class's enjoyment of music so I am planning to introduce playing recorders to our music lessons. I will be giving these out during the first couple of weeks.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and needs to be handed in on a Tuesday. Completion of homework is essential for Year 5. We will continue with a focus on *Reading, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar*, and *Maths*. Please mark your child's homework with them. If there is anything your child struggles with in the homework, then please let me know by writing a note on the page and we will go through it with them in school time. Spellings will be given out on a Thursday and spelling tests will take place on a Thursday morning.

Our Value for this month is Respect

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