



# WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn Term

Year 5

## Welcome

I hope that you have enjoyed your half term break and the children are reenergized to start our exciting Christmas term. Thank you for taking the time to talk through your child's progress during Parents' Evenings, it was lovely to hear from you and to update you.

As always, 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 questions or concerns about your child. I will be available after school on the gate on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The school office is always able to get a message through to me also.

## Dates and Things to Remember

Our PE lessons will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and both indoor and outdoor PE kits will be required in school. I would suggest jogging trousers and a sweatshirt for outdoor PE as we do go out in all weathers. In addition, children need to keep in school an art apron (a large old T-shirt or shirt would be ideal) as we will continue with plenty of fabulous art and DT.

This term we have our Year 5 class assembly on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. In addition, we will be performing with Year 6 in a singing concert, details will be confirmed.

## Topic

This term our class topic continues with the focus area Ancient Egyptians which the children have really enjoyed so far.

Through a thematic approach the children will continue to make links between many of their subjects, incorporating work through literacy, history and geography. 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.

**Our Value for this month is  
Respect**

## Maths

In maths this term we will focus on Statistics, looking at reading and interpreting data in different ways. We will then move onto multiplication and division where our fantastic multiplication and division facts will be applied.

We will continue to maintain our rapid recall of multiplication tables as well as corresponding division facts. Thank you for all of your continued support with this. Recommended websites are in Google Classroom if your children would like to practise interactively.

Towards the end of term, our focus will be on measurement, working with perimeter and area of shape.

## English

The children completed some wonderful writing last term with their engaging and creative Ancient Egyptian myths along with their recounts to different audiences linked to Howard Carter's Tutankhamun discovery. This term, the children will be writing explanation texts and flashbacks.

It remains extremely important that your child is reading regularly at home. As part of their homework in Year 5, children need to continue to read at least twice a week with an adult at home. Please initial reading records, these will continue to be collected each Wednesday. In addition, children will continue with a reading comprehension task each week as part of their homework.

## Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and should be handed in the following Tuesday. A weekly spelling test will take place each Thursday morning. Times tables (now including division facts) will continue to be tested on Wednesdays. Our class book this term is Krindlekrax by Philip Ridley.

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