



# WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring Term

Year 5

## 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 5 staff for the lovely Christmas presents, they were very much appreciated.

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 Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The school office is always able to get a message through to me also.

## Maths

In maths this term we will complete our focus area of multiplication and division. We will then move onto fractions, decimals and percentages.

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. On **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**, all children will complete a times table check. This will take the same format as in Year 4 with 25 questions using all times tables up to  $12 \times 12$ . Recommended websites are in Google Classroom if your children would like to practise interactively.

## Dates and Things to Remember

This term we are very excited to be swimming as our PE. This will be on Thursday afternoons, please see previous communications for further details.

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.

## English

The children completed some wonderful writing last term. This term they will be studying recounts for different audiences, fables and writing from another point of view.

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.

## Topic – History and Geography

This term our class topic will be Mayans. The topic will be introduced on our Wow Day on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January**. Children should come to school in normal school uniform this day. Through a thematic approach the children will make links between many of their subjects, incorporating work through literacy, geography and history.

## Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and should be handed in by the following Tuesday. A weekly spelling test will take place each Thursday morning. The final termly 40-word spelling test will take place on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February**. Times tables (now including division facts) will continue to be tested on Wednesdays. Our class book this term is *I am Rebel* by Ross Montgomery.

## Our Value for this month is Hope