



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring Term

Year 5

Welcome

I hope that you have enjoyed your half term break and the children are reenergized after a busy first half 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.

Maths

In maths this term we will complete our focus area of fractions. We will then move on to decimals, building on our Year 4 understanding, as well as a new subject, 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. Recommended websites are in Google Classroom if your children would like to practise interactively.

Dates and Things to Remember

Our PE lessons will continue to be on 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. This term we are will be continuing our progression with swimming on Monday afternoons.

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 art and DT.

English

The children completed some wonderful writing last term writing fables based on Indian animals along with stories focusing on story openings and characterisation. This term they will be writing non-chronological reports and narrative poetry.

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

This term the children will continue their topic focus on India. Through a thematic approach the children will 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.

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 and division facts will continue to be tested on Wednesdays. Our class book this term is Skellig by David Almond.

**Our Value for this month is
Happiness**

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