



# WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 2

Year 6

## Welcome

I hope your children have had a restful break after their busy first term in year 6. Last term, the children covered a lot of learning and worked at a very busy pace. We worked on mastering many key skills in maths and English, practised a round of SATs tests, made a large piece of artwork for display in the old school library, made ancient Egyptian cartouches, completed Bikeability, visited Everdon woods, designed our ideal playground and improved our singing skills with a specialist singing teacher. As the oldest children in the school, the children also assumed many responsibilities across the school. They have set up the assembly space ready for Collective Worship, been buddies for the new reception children (helping them find their way to the lunch hall, and then from the hall to the playgrounds), leading assemblies and hosting Community Worship from the pulpit. Walking the reception children to the church for Community Worship has been a real favourite.

This year is obviously a very important one, with the children sitting their SATs later in the summer. SATs award a 'grade', but more importantly the concepts covered in a SATs papers are those that the children will need to know for a successful transition into year 7 learning. The results from the recent practise papers are informing the coming learning in class as well as intervention groups and catch-up sessions.

## Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and needs to be handed in on a Tuesday. Spelling tests will take place on a Thursday. Completion of homework is essential for year 6. The homework that we set is designed to secure their understanding of the topics covered in lessons. We will continue with a focus on *reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar* and *maths*.

## Topic

We continue our Ancient Egyptian topic until the end of the autumn term. This term the children will be looking at burial sites and the process of mummification. They will look at the Gods worshipped by the Ancient Egyptians. They will compare the similarities and differences between Ancient Egypt and the Maya (which they studied last year).

Topic lessons are taught by Mrs Foster.

## Dates and Things to Remember

Year 6 P.E. days are on a Tuesday and a Thursday. Both of these sessions will be taught by Ben Stoneman.

The year 6 trip to Hazard Alley will take place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. This trip will help the children learn to keep themselves safe in a range of real-life situations.

Our class assembly is being held on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. If you are able to, it would be nice to see you there to see a selection of the things the children have been learning over the last seven weeks.

We will be holding a SATs information meeting for parents later on this term. This will outline the current process for administering the national papers. Please keep an eye out for an email confirming the time and date for this meeting.

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

**Our Value for this month is: Respect**

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