



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 3

Year 6

Welcome

I hope you have all had a good break and that your children have re-charged their batteries ready for 2023.

Last term was a very busy one with focus on maths and English in the mornings, and an indepth look into the other subjects in the afternoon. I'm sure that you are as impressed as I am with the children's knowledge of Ancient Egypt and their quiz questions they posed during the class assembly. They also applied impressive technical skills when investigating strong structures and then applied this to making their model playgrounds during design and technology lessons. They have developed their singing skills with the weekly visit from a specialist music teacher. I have particularly enjoyed teaching the children art last term, where they studied three famous artists: John Singer Sargent, Kathe Kollwitz and Pablo Picasso. They are in for a treat when we return, as to finish this study on these three, the children will be making clay self portraits.

Maths & English

The children have now sat their second SATs paper in test conditions– using the past materials produced by the Department for Education. Using these results over the year we can begin to see how children will most likely do in the real thing. Above all, they give a clear indication of the gaps that we can work on in the coming months.

An overall percentage and the final grading, using the grade boundaries for that year, was sent home before the Christmas break. The papers were also sent home. Any time you can spend looking through these papers with your child is very valuable as it picks up individual gaps. You will also find this kind of dicussion helps children see where they have made 'simple mistakes'. Learning how to sit an official test is an important part of year 6.

Dates and Things to Remember

Year 6 P.E. days continue on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, led by Ben Stoneman.

The SATs tests have been moved in response to the extra 'King's Coronation' Bank Holiday. They are now scheduled from Tuesday 9th May – 12th May.

We have managed to book a visit to the Houses of Parliament this term. Look out for more details from the school office about this trip.

We will shortly hold an information evening for the coming SATs tests. More information to follow via the school office.

Spellings now have an end-of-term test. Please go through spelling regularly at home.

Topic

We start a new Geography topic this term which will be all about India. We will kick this off with our WOW Day on Wednesday 11th, where children will be using and improving their map skills before researching different landmarks and creating an artistic piece using perspective skills. We will be exploring different climate zones before moving onto trade within India as well as the caste system.

Homework

Homework continues to 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 as is the marking at home with an adult (as it provides another opportunity to fill a gap). Practise tests are showing that spellings are an area we need to push this term. We have put in place additional spelling interventions in school. Please support this work by ensuring your children practise their spellings daily at home.

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