WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn Term

Year 5

Welcome

Welcome to Year 5! I hope that you have enjoyed a fantastic summer, it has been wonderful to hear about the children's adventures. I am really excited for the new school year ahead and hope the children are too.
Please feel free to talk to me about any queries or concerns over the term. I will be available after school on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons or alternatively, please contact the office to arrange an appointment.
Now that the children are in Year 5 they are dismissed from the locker room at the end of the school day as a class. They are no longer "handed over" to individual parents. We ask that children leave when they can see their adult. If you are happy for your child to walk home rather than be collected from school, please advise the office in advance so that we allow your child to leave.
Please note that if children bring mobile phones to school, they must be taken to the office on arrival and collected at the end of the day.

Dates and Things to Remember

Our PE lessons will be on Friday afternoons and both indoor and outdoor PE kits will be required in school. In addition, children need to keep in school an art apron (a large old T-shirt or shirt would be ideal).

Topic – History and Geography

This term our class topic will be based around the theme of Ancient Egyptians. The topic will be introduced on our Wow Day on ***Tuesday 15th September***. Children should come in school uniform as normal.

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

Our Value for this month is Friendship

Maths

In maths this term we will focus on place value as well as extending our understanding and use of formal written methods for addition and subtraction. We will continue to maintain our rapid recall of multiplication tables from Year 4 as well as corresponding division facts. The children did a great job with their times tables last year; in Year 5 we will continue to refresh and build on their knowledge.
A good website to help your children work on a touch screen against the clock for times tables is: https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/
An engaging division facts online game is: https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button
These are both loaded onto Google Classroom.

English

Writing genres this term are myths, recounts for different audiences and flashbacks. It remains extremely important that your child is reading regularly at home. Please ensure that your child has the opportunity to read a range of texts both independently as well as with an adult to encourage confidence, progression and most importantly a love of reading. As part of their homework in Year 5, children need to read at least twice a week with an adult at home. Please initial reading records, these will be collected each Wednesday. In addition, children will be set a reading comprehension task each week. This should be completed and handed in by Tuesday with their maths and SPaG homework.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and should be handed in by the following Tuesday. A weekly spelling test will take place on Thursday mornings. Times tables (now including division facts) will be tested on Wednesdays. Our class book this term is There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom by Louis Sacher.