# WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 1

Year 2

**Welcome**

I hope that you all had a great summer holiday. I'm looking forward to getting to know the children more and beginning our Year 2 learning journey together. The children are settling in well. They have been busy getting to know Year 2 routines, working on learning behaviours and creating artwork for displays. We have also enjoyed doing some settling in activities as part of PSHE. Keep up the good work Year 2. 😊

**Dates and Things to Remember**

PE – Monday afternoons with Mr Stoneman. Please ensure that all items of clothing are named. Please bring in a named apron or old t-shirt for art lessons, thank you!

**Topic**

Our History topic for this term is called 'Flight'. We will be finding out about developments in aviation, using photographs and timelines to help develop our understanding. We will learn about the Montgolfier Brothers' first hot air balloon flight and find out about the development of gliders. We will also compare modern day airplanes with the Wright Flyer and also learn about Amelia Earhart. In science we will be doing practical, investigative learning linked to materials. This links well with our DT unit called 'Baby Bear's Chair' which focuses on structures. In PSHE we will be focusing on the SCARF unit 'Me and my Relationships.' In RE, we will be focusing on the question 'What is the 'good news' Christians believe Jesus brings?' In music we will be learning a traditional song from Ghana.

**Our Value for this month is Friendship**

**Maths**

This term in maths, the children will continue to build on and consolidate their understanding of the number system. We will work practically and pictorially to represent numbers to 100, partition two-digit numbers as well as compare and order numbers. We will also focus on adding and subtracting using Base 10, place value frames and number lines to support the children's understanding. The children will also develop their problem solving and reasoning skills by working practically. The times tables we will be focusing on are 2, 5, 10. Please learn these times table facts at home using flash cards or online games.

**English**

In English we will be learning about how to write biographies, adventure stories and non-fiction texts. We will take time to delve into each genre and find out about their unique features by immersing ourselves in a range of examples by different authors. In spelling, grammar and punctuation lessons (SPAG), we will learn about 'Kung Fu Punctuation' which is a fun way of learning how to punctuate sentences. The children will have plenty of opportunities to apply these skills in writing. We will also have weekly handwriting sessions and regular spelling sessions.

**Homework**

See separate sheet explaining Year 2 homework in more detail (sent home on 4.9.26)

If you are unsure of anything, please don't hesitate to get in contact. Many thanks,

Miss Leggett, Year 2 Teacher.