WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 1

Year 1

Welcome

I hope that everyone had a great holiday. I am really excited to get to know your children.
Our topic for this term is called 'Flight' and our book focus is 'The Blue Balloon' by Mick Inkpen.
I hope that this sheet gives you a brief outline of the term and that the transition from Reception to Year 1 is a smooth one. If there is anything that you are unsure of, worried about or indeed if you just want a chat please pop in at any time after school. Children need to bring in a water bottle and snack if they wish, fresh fruit is provided. Can they also have a book bag each day and a named PE kit for both indoor and outdoor PE. Please could your child bring in an old T shirt/apron as our art work can get rather messy!

Dates and Things to Remember

PE day is Wednesday day. Reading books are changed on Mondays. Homework is issued on Fridays and handed in on Wednesdays. Spellings are issued on Fridays and tested the following Friday. Your child will also bring a class reader home at the start of term to be returned at the end of term.

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 first balloon flight and find out about the development of gliders. We will also compare modern day aeroplanes with the Wright Brothers Flyer. Our DT topic is called 'Stable Structures' we will be making a pencil pot. PSHE will focus on 'Me and my Relationships'. In computing we will be learning how to login and use the 'Purple Mash' platform and safe use of the internet. Our RE topic is 'What do Christians believe God is like?', together with consideration of our Christian values. Science work will focus on 'Materials' with lots of experiments and investigations about what things are made of and what material is best for different products. In PE we will be focussing on ball skills and yoga.

Our Value for this month is Friendship

Maths

Our maths will build on the children's knowledge and consolidate understanding of the number system, recognising and using number, knowing about 1 more and 1 less, basic addition and subtraction and place value together with mental maths and problem solving skills. We will be working practically and pictorially moving towards abstract recording

English

Our literacy will be taught through our topic book and a specific reading, handwriting and phonics session each day will support this. We will be getting to know the characters in this book and using it to write our own adventure stories. We will also use our knowledge of The Wright Brothers to plan and write an information text. We will also focus on the traditional tale 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and write an alternative version. Your child will bring home a scheme book each week that will be matched to their phonic ability together with a library book that I will select for your child. Please ensure you give equal value to each book when reading at home. We will focus on the year 1 spelling and grammar rules and begin to develop the ability to construct clear sentences. Handwriting will build on the work done in Reception and from now on be in a joined style as this greatly improves spelling ability.

Homework

Weekly homework will be reading, spellings (There will be a letter in the children's book bag to explain our spelling system) and children will also have a Maths and an English homework book that will be given out on Fridays with a page reference, I will send an additional letter about this. In addition I will set a monthly writing task based on the class reader to be completed at home.