



Waddesdon Village Primary School
Pathway to Excellence
Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter
Spring 2



Topic: Marvellous Mechanicals

Weekly schedule

Monday: Mrs Swanson teaching
PE
Hand in homework & reading records

Tuesday: Mrs Swanson teaching

Wednesday: Mrs Swanson teaching am
Mrs Jones and Exposure PE pm

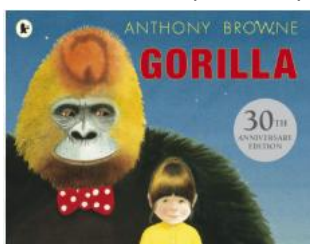
Thursday: Mrs Morris teaching
Homework given out

Friday: Mrs Morris teaching

Welcome to Spring 2 term. We hope that you have enjoyed the short break. This term, we have many learning opportunities for your children to ensure that they are engaged and make good progress throughout the curriculum. This includes exploring the importance of hydration and sleep within our PE lessons and investigating levers and pulleys in science. If there is anything that you wish to discuss please feel free to contact Mrs Morris or Mrs Swanson.

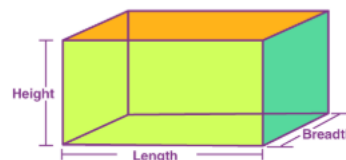
English

Pupils will be writing a story for a younger audience, inspired by the book 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne which they explored last term. They will then learn about the patterns, rhythms and rhymes of poetry using Valerie Bloom's poem, 'The Most Dangerous Animal in the World' as their stimulus. During the sentence stacking and independent writing lessons, pupils will be developing their skills at editing, both for finding punctuation, grammatical and spelling errors and for improving their writing further. We will continue to have whole class reading sessions based on a variety of different genres. Through the 'Spelling Book' scheme, pupils will continue to work on their spelling skills.



Mathematics

This half term, children will be building on their previous learning, as well as learning a range of new mathematical skills through our mastery curriculum. These include: multiplying and dividing with decimal fractions; long multiplication with whole numbers; understanding and calculating volume as well as square and cube numbers. Throughout these conceptual areas, pupils will use a range of concrete, pictorial and abstract representations to help them with their conceptual understanding, as well as their fluency. Within all modules of learning pupils will have the opportunity to practice their problem solving and reasoning skills, in familiar and unfamiliar contexts.



Science – Forces

Linking to our topic, Class 5 will be turning into investigatory scientists as our science lessons will be very experimental and hands-on. We will continue to undergo practical investigations on forces, focusing particularly on the effect that pulleys, gears and levers and other mechanisms have. We will also find out about Isaac Newton.

Computing




Using and creating databases will be the focus of this term's computing, along with privacy and security in the online safety sessions.

Geography

Pupils will consider how climate affects biomes; explore the physical and human features of The Gambia and investigate the impact of tourism on places around the world.



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<p>PE Dance: During Monday PE lessons, led by the class teacher, children will carry out various fitness exercises and think about health more broadly. During Wednesday PE lessons, led by an Exposure Sports coach, the children will be developing their volleyball skills.</p>	<p>Music Whole class instrumental lesson inspired by South America</p>												
<p>DT During Design Technology, pupils will test, enhance and evaluate the gliders they created last term.</p> 	<p>RE During RE this term, pupils will be learning about Christianity. Throughout this unit of work children will learn about the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ and how Christians celebrate Easter.</p> 												
<p>PSHE Pupils will be developing their awareness of rules and laws and how these are implemented within society.</p>	<p>MFL En Ville This half term, pupils will continue to study the Rigolo scheme of work. Pupils will be learning how to name places in a town, ask the way and give directions, give the time and say where they are going.</p> 												
<p>How you can support your child at home?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Show them how you read for pleasure and discuss how reading helps you each day. Perhaps learn a new poem as a family.• Use the activity passport in the back of your child's reading log for activity ideas.• Encourage children to present their homework neatly and to use legible, joined handwriting.• Pupils knowledge of times tables and number bonds are vital for pupils to be able to be successful in mathematics. If your child struggles with these, encourage them to continue to practice through Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots several times each week.• To further enrich your child's learning and to link with our themes, you may wish to discuss and explore 'how things work'.													
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