



**Waddesdon Village Primary School**  
**Pathway to Excellence**  
**Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter**  
**Autumn 1**



**Topic: Out of this World!**

*Hello and welcome back to Waddesdon Village Primary School. We are very excited to be back and to help your children settle back into school life. This term we have planned many learning opportunities for your children to ensure that they are engaged and make good progress throughout the curriculum. If there is anything that you wish to discuss please feel free to contact Mrs Morris or Mrs Swanson.*

**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  
Times Tables test  
Homework given out

Friday: Mrs Morris teaching

**English**

This half term pupils will be reading the fiction text 'Cosmic' by Frank Boyce. During this module of work, we will be exploring key plot points within the story and use these ideas as stimuli to write our very own adventure stories. To further link with our core text and our topic of Space, pupils will then be watching the short Film 'One Small Step' and writing their own interpretation of the film from a different view point. During our writing lessons pupils will be taking part in 'Sentence Stacking' which they will then apply the skills learnt to their own independent writing. Children will also take part in regular handwriting, spelling and whole class reading lessons.



**Mathematics**

Children will be building on their previous learning from year 4 and learning a range of new mathematical skills including how numbers are composed; the place value of numbers up to 1,000,000; how to round numbers up or down; Roman Numerals and the place value of decimal fractions up to 3 decimal places. Throughout these concepts pupils will be using a range of concrete, pictorial and abstract representations, in order to gain a secure conceptual understanding of number and how our number system works.

I	one	1
V	five	5
X	ten	10
D	fifty	50
C	hundred	100
M	thousand	1,000

**Science**



To link with our core text this half term, pupils will be learning about Earth and our solar system. They will be focusing on the relationship and movement of the Earth, sun and moon, as well as learning about the make up of our solar system and exciting new discoveries.

**Computing**



Pupils will continue to develop their coding skills through the Purple Mash, and consider copyright and ownership in e-safety lessons.

**History**

In October, children consider themes linked to Black History Month and then move on to learn about Victorian Britain including Queen Victoria and her lasting legacy; Victorian architecture and the industrial revolution.



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<p><b>PE</b></p> <p>Netball: On pupils Monday PE lessons, led by the class teacher, the children will be developing their netball skills which will lead towards a competitive match.</p> <p>Gymnastics: On pupils Wednesday PE lessons, led by an Exposure Sports coach, the children will be developing their gymnastic skills.</p>	<p><b>Music</b></p> <p>Children explore the associations between music, sounds and colour, building up to composing and, as a class, performing their own musical composition to represent Holi, the Hindu festival which links to our learning in RE.</p>								
<p><b>Art</b></p> <p>Linked to our core text theme of space, pupils will be studying Van Gogh's 'Starry Night'. Pupils will learn about Van Gogh's life and work. They will master some of the techniques that Van Gogh used, including how to create a sense of movement.</p> 	<p><b>RE</b></p>  <p>During RE, pupils will be studying the key aspects of the Hindu religion and asking the question 'What is the best way for a Hindu to show commitment to God?'</p>								
<p><b>PSHE</b></p> <p>This half term, pupils will be learning about 'Families and Relationships'. They will explore what it is to be a good friend, different types of relationships they may come across, the impact stereotypes can have and bullying.</p>	<p><b>MFL</b></p> <p>During French this half term, children will be learning how to greet people and how to give personal information about themselves.</p>								
<p><b>How you can support your child at home?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Show them how you read for pleasure and discuss how reading helps you each day.</li><li>• Encourage children to present their homework neatly and to use legible, joined handwriting.</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• To further enrich your child's learning and to link with our theme, you may wish to visit the Science Museum, the Royal Observatory or the National Space Centre.</li></ul>									
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