



**Waddesdon Village Primary School Believe**  
**Pathway to Excellence**  
**Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter**  
**Autumn 1 2022– 2023**



**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' where they will learn how to write high quality, vocabulary rich sentences which should then be applied in their own independent writing. Through out our core text and whole class reading sessions pupils will continue to learn and build upon their comprehension reading skills, focusing particularly on their understanding of vocabulary; making reasonable predictions and inference skills.



**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 .



**General Introduction:**

*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 interesting 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 Leslie or Mrs Morris.

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**Weekly schedules:**

PE : Monday and Wednesday (PE kits to be worn to school)

Library: Every other Friday

Times table test: Thursday

Home Learning: Out on Friday  
 Due in Tuesday

Reading Record: Due in Tuesday and returned the same day.

Golden Time: Friday

**Mathematics**

This half term children will be building on their previous learning from year 4, as well as learning a range of new mathematical skills through our mastery maths curriculum. They will be looking at: how numbers are composed and the place value of numbers up to 1,000,000; how to round numbers up or down in context; Roman Numerals up to 1000; 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. Throughout these conceptual areas, pupils will have the opportunity to practice their problem solving and reasoning skills.

**PE**

**Invasion Games**– In their PE lessons, led by an Exposure Sports Instructor, the children will be developing skills of marking, dodging and passing in a variety of Invasion Games, with a focus on Netball.

**Athletics**—taught by the teacher on the school playground. The children will be developing core skills in athletics.

**RE**

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?'





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### History

This half term pupils will start to learn about Victorian Britain. During these lessons pupils will learn all about Queen Victoria and her lasting legacy; investigate Victorian architecture and learn all about the industrial revolution.



### Computing

This term pupils will be using the schools iPads and the school PCs to create a comic book which encourages pupils to be safe on-line.

### PSHE

This half term, pupils will be following the Jig Saw scheme of work. Pupils will be learning about their rights and responsibilities, as well as sharing their wishes and aspirations for the year ahead.

### Art

Linked to our core text theme of space, pupils will be studying Van Gogh's 'Starry Night'. During this module, pupils will learn about Van Gogh's life and work. They will master some of the techniques that Van Gogh used in his paintings, including how to create a sense of movement.



### MFL

During French this half term, pupils will be taught by Mr Mitchener and will be following the Rigolo scheme of work. In the unit children will be learning how to greet people and how to give personal information about themselves.



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### Music

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.

### Important Date:

Wednesday 14th September @ 5pm– Meet the new teacher  
Friday 30th September– McMillian Coffee Morning  
October– Black History Month  
Thursday 6th October– National Poetry Day  
Friday 7th October– Harvest food collection for local food bank  
Monday 10th October– World Mental Health Day  
Thursday 20th October– Individual and sibling photos  
Friday 21st October –PAWs Spooky Bake Sale and Children break up for half term

### How you can support your child at home?

Children will be receiving home learning every Friday which is due in the following Tuesday. Home learning will be linked to what pupils will be learning in Maths and English. As a school we are continuing to have a big push on children reading for pleasure. Part of our home learning expectations is that your children read every night at home for 20 minutes (at least one of these should be on Bug Club). Pupils will be able to visit the library regularly and have the opportunity to enjoy taking part in our Reading Rocket challenge. A full list of Reading Rocket texts are available on our website. Pupils knowledge of times tables and number bonds are vital for pupils to be able to be successful in mathematics. Please could you ensure that your children are practicing these though Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots at least 3 times a week. As a key stage we will be starting a new spelling scheme called 'The Spelling Book' by Jane Considine. For further guidance on how to support your child's spelling please refer to the school website where you can find a wide range of spelling strategies. To further enrich your children's learning and to link with our theme this term you may wish to visit the Science Museum, the Royal Observatory or the National Space Centre .

### Final word

We are looking forward to getting to know your children and helping them reach their full potential. Mrs Leslie & Mrs Morris.