



**Waddesdon Village Primary School**  
**Pathway to Excellence**  
**Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter**  
**Summer 1 2023-2024**



**English**

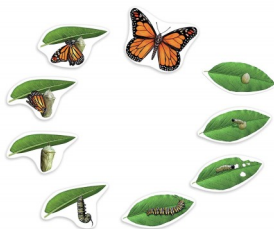


This half term, pupils will be finishing reading 'Cog Heart' and then start reading 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll, which links to our history this term. Through this unit of work pupils will be working towards writing a diary entry from the perspectives of one of the main characters. Children will be learning how to use a variety of different grammar

and punctuation features through our weekly 'Sentence Stacking' which pupils will then apply in their own independent writing. Through whole class reading, pupils will continue to build upon their reading comprehension skills, as well as exploring a range of different writing genres that support their learning or knowledge of culture capital.

**Science– Living things and their habitats (part one)**

This half term, pupils will be learning all about the life cycle of plants. They will learn to identify the different parts of plants and start to think about how plants reproduce.



**General Introduction:**

Welcome back to Waddesdon Village Primary School for Summer 1. We hope that you enjoyed your break . 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.**

**Summer 1 - Amazing Ancient Egyptians**



**Weekly schedules:**

PE - Monday and Wednesday (Pupils come to school in PE kit)  
 Times table practice – Monday & Tuesday  
 Times table test - Thursday  
 Home Learning: Out on Thursday  
 Due Tuesday

**Mathematics**

Following our schools mastery approach to mathematics, children will continue to build on their previous learning and consolidating their learning in key concepts in mathematics in order to close any learning gaps and in preparation for Year 6.

This half term pupils will learn all about fractions, including how to find equivalent fractions, converting improper fractions to mixed number fractions and how to calculate with fractions. Finally pupils will deepen their understanding of the links between fractions, decimals and percentages.

**PE**

**Athletics** – In their PE lessons, led by an Exposure Sports Instructor, the children will be developing and building upon their Athletic skills.

**Striking and Fielding**– In their PE lessons, led by The class teacher, pupils will be building on and developing skills required to play a game of rounders.

**RE**

During RE this half term, pupils will be learning about a range of Christian stories and how these impact what Christians believe.





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#### History

To link with our core text, pupils will be starting to investigate and learn about the Ancient Egyptians. This half term pupils will be learning about: the geography and time period that the Ancient Egyptians lived in; how artefacts can provide us with important information on the Egyptians and all about Tutankhamun's life and death.



#### DT/ Art

This half term in DT, pupils will be making their cam toys that they have designed. Following this, in Art, pupils will be learning all about Ancient Egyptian funerary masks and will start to design their own.

#### Music

This half term, children will be learning about 'Composition notation' through an Ancient Egyptian theme. Pupils will play a melody with reasonable accuracy; perform in time with others and compose and play a melody using stave notation.



#### Computing

This half term, pupils will use physical computing to explore the concept of selection in programming through the use of the Crumble programming environment.



#### MFL- En Vacances

This half term, pupils will continue to study the Rigolo scheme of work and be taught by a specialist French teacher. Pupils will be learning about how to talk about and discuss their holidays, including: where they went; what they did and what they liked/ disliked.



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#### PSHE

This half term, pupils will be following the Kapow scheme of work to explore 'Economic Well-being'. In this unit they will consider expenditure and income; information on borrowing and money risks. As well as this, pupils will be learning basic first aid through a series of St John Ambulance lessons.

#### Final word

We are looking forward to another great term and working collaboratively with you to ensure your children reach their full potential. ***If you wish to discuss anything further or require any support please feel free to contact us.***

Mrs Leslie & Mrs Morris

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

Children will be receiving home learning every Thursday which is due in the following Tuesday. Home learning will be linked to what they are learning in Maths and English. As a school we are having a big push on children reading for pleasure. To support this please could you encourage your children to read every night. This year we have selected a new range of books for our 'Reading Rocket Challenge' which we hope will encourage pupils to read a wide range of language rich texts. Our new 'Reading Rocket' list is on our school website and available to read in school from our class book corner. Pupils will continue to have weekly times tables tests on Thursdays. Please could you help your children practice their times tables and their key number facts through our on-line platforms 'Times Tables Rock Stars' and 'Numbots'. Although children will not have weekly tests in spellings, they will be having spelling lessons two times a week where they will be assessed. Please refer to the website for strategies on how to support your children with their spellings.

#### Important Dates:

- Monday 15th April– Children return to school
- Wednesday 17th April– IROCK Assembly
- Wednesday 17th April– Class 5 to Wednesday Club
- Thursday 25th/26th April tbc– Class 5 STEM Talk
- Thursday 2nd May– Class 5 Sponsored Event tbc
- Monday 6th May– Bank Holiday
- Friday 24th May– Break Up
- Friday 26th May– Children break up for half term