



**Waddesdon Village Primary School**  
**Pathway to Excellence**  
**Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter**  
**Summer 1 2023**



**English:**

Our core class text this half term is looking at the epic story from Anglo-Saxon times. It is called Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo. It links to our history topic and this story will provide an opportunity to investigate a wide variety of the vocabulary involved in the topic. Our main focus for this text will be looking into enhancing our character descriptions by 'showing' not 'telling'. The children will build upon their knowledge of punctuation and grammar from the Autumn and Spring terms. The class will take part in weekly whole class reading comprehension lessons linked to the text.



During these sessions pupils will have the opportunity to discuss rich vocabulary and apply their comprehension skills.

**General Introduction:**

I hope you all had a fantastic break and welcome back to another busy half term in Class 4. We have again planned many interesting activities 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 me.

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**“Invaders and Settlers”**



**Weekly schedules:**

.PE will remain on a Friday mornings and Wednesday afternoons.  
 Mrs Morris will continue to teach the class on Wednesday mornings and PPA will be covered on Wednesday afternoons by a specialist PE teacher and the class TAs.  
**Our library day will be on a Wednesday-day.**

**Mathematics:**

This half term the children will focus on fractions and decimals. They will be investigating equivalent fractions, non-unit and unit fractions and begin to add and subtract with the same denominator. They will be looking at tenths and hundredths in decimal numbers and using their place value knowledge to order decimal numbers.

As previously mentioned the expectation is that children know all their tables up to 12X12 by the end of Year 4 and we will continue to focus on this alongside our fractions unit. Mrs Morris will continue to alternate her Wednesday lesson on maths investigations and basic skills. Throughout all these conceptual areas, pupils will have the opportunity to practice their problem solving and reasoning skills, in familiar and unfamiliar contexts.

**PE:**

PE this half term will be focusing on athletics and dance. We will also be taking part in our inter-house school competition.

**RE:**

This half term the children will look again at the religion of Judaism. This unit they will focus on “Rites of Passage” and significant points in Jewish life, and recognise how Jewish people show commitment to God

**Science:**

The topic this half term is Solids, Liquids and Gases. The children will be looking at the 3 different states of matter and investigate how materials change. We will particularly focus on the changing states of water and the water cycle, and the children will become familiar with the processes of evaporation and condensation.





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**History:**

During the whole Summer term we will be finding out about invaders and settlers of the UK. We will use timelines to continue with the Roman work from Year 3 and the children will investigate the period of time through from the Roman decline to the Norman invasion with a focus on Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. During Summer 1 we will: use maps to identify where Anglo-Saxons came from; research aspects of life and find out about the burial site of Sutton Hoo. Our English will link with the core text.

**DT & Art**

This half term we will be Anglo Saxon Cooking. We will also be completing our woodwork unit to create a Longboat.

**Music:**

We will be continuing with our 'Kapow' unit of work where we are composing our own pieces of music linked to the Vikings

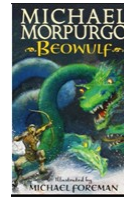
**Computing:**

We will be starting with our animation topic, where the children will create their own animations.

**MFL:**

French will continue to be taught by Mr Mitchener on Thursday mornings. He will be following the Rigolo scheme of French work, which continues in Summer 1 with a unit called "On Mange".

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**PSHE:**

Part of our work this half term will follow the Kapow scheme of work. The unit this term is focussing on "Economic Well-Being"

**Important Dates:**

Mon 1st May—Bank Holiday  
Fri 5th May—Whole school Coronation Event

Mon 8th May—Bank Holiday

Tues 16th May—Whole Class Photos  
Thurs 18th May—Sponsored Walk

Fri 26th May—Break Up for Half Term

Mon 5th Jun—Inset Day  
Tues 6th Jun—Children Return

**How you can support your child at home:**

As during the Spring term children will be receiving home learning every Thursday which is due in the following **Monday**. Home learning will be linked to what they are learning in Maths and English.

Please continue to encourage your children to reach the other homework expectations: Reading at least 4 times a week and recording in their reading records; practise times tables and use TT RockStars/Numbots 3 times a week to access the activities.

We still have the Reading Rocket scheme which enables the children to read texts with rich vocabulary.

As previously discussed the class will be taking part in the Government times-tables tests in June and the expectation is that they can quickly recall all the times-table facts up to 12 X12

**Final word:**

We had a very busy and enjoyable Spring Term with our Woodrow trip and the children amazed us with their acting skills. I am sure our Summer term will be just as much fun.

If you wish to discuss anything further or require any support please feel free to contact me.  
Mrs Smith