



# Waddesdon Village Primary School

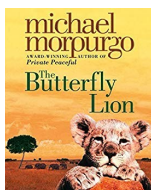
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### English



Our core text this half term is 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo.

This is a lovely, thought provoking book that will give children the opportunity to research and learn about wild animals and form their own opinions on whether animals should be kept in captivity. Children will have the opportunity to independently write a non-chronological reports.

We will also continue with daily Whole-Class Reading sessions, which will support children in developing their inference and comprehension skills. The children will be exposed to a variety of literature, including poetry, classic literature and texts relating to wider curriculum topics.

### Welcome to Class 3!

I hope you have had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break and are looking forward to the coming half term.

Our topic is '**Born Free!**'. We have a range of learning opportunities planned for this half term to help develop your children's knowledge and understanding further.

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### Mathematics

This half term, children will be recapping the key skills of column addition, as well as learning how to accurately subtract numbers using the column subtraction method. Through a range of activities children will have the opportunity to practice their problem solving and reasoning skills.

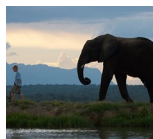
Following this, we will begin our fractions topic, which will begin by investigating a whole and progress to unit fractions.

Throughout this half-term we will also have a focus times table each week which we will investigate and practice as a class.



### Science

This half term the children will be learning about Animals, including Humans. This unit will allow children to understand that plants and animals obtain food in different ways. Children will be able to name different types of skeletons. They will also be able to name the main bones in the human body and explain how pairs of muscles work together to enable movement.



### Weekly schedules:

**Monday:** Times table practice and homework to be handed in.

**Tuesday:** Weekly swimming lessons at Aqua Vale.

**Wednesday:** Times table practice.

**Thursday (PM):** Mrs Parks & Exposure Sports (PE). Homework books to be handed out.

**Friday:** Times Tables Test and Golden Time.

### PE

**The children will no longer have PE on Monday afternoons for the entire Spring Term due to Swimming lessons on Tuesdays.**

The children will have weekly swimming lessons **every Tuesday Morning** at Aqua Vale.

PE with Exposure Sport will be on Thursday afternoon. Children will be learning key skills in tennis and applying these skills to a variety of games.

### RE

This half term the children will have the opportunity to learn about miracles that Jesus performed and consider what miracles they would ask Jesus to perform in the world today.





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**Geography**

This half term children will be studying our local area and carrying out field work to observe and record the local human and physical features through a range of methods. The children will also be looking at how the school and land use has changed over the years.



**DT & Art**

The children will be looking at animal habitats and their features.

They will be designing and building their own bug hotel and evaluating its effectiveness.



**Music**

This half-term the children will be learning about compositions, with a theme of mountains. The children will be composing and performing a rhythm to accompany a story.



**Computing**

The children will be using Purplemash this half term to learn how to send and receive emails. The children will also receive Internet Safety lessons throughout the half-term.

**MFL**

French will be taught by Mr Mitchener on Thursday mornings. He will be following the Rigolo scheme of French work, with a Unit called "Mon Corps"



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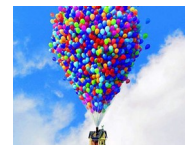


**Important Dates:**

- Thursday 12th January—Inter-house sport competition all afternoon.
- Monday 6th February—Children's Mental Health Day
- Thursday 9th February—Kindness Workshop
- Friday 10th February—Break up for half-term

**PSHE**

This half term children will be exploring 'Dreams and Goals'. Through discussion, circle time, drama and practical activities children will learn how to set their own goals to help them be successful.



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

Children will be receiving home learning every Thursday which is due the following Monday. 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 at least 20 minutes. We are also still running our Reading Rocket Challenge and children can bring these books home or choose to read them in class. A full list of Reading Rocket texts are available on our website. Pupils knowledge of times tables and number bonds are vital in supporting children's understanding of Mathematics. Please could you ensure that your children are practicing these through Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots at least 3 times a week. This is also a home learning expectation.

We have had a very busy and enjoyable first term to the school year and Mrs Parks and I are very much looking forward to the coming half term.

As always if you have any queries or concerns please contact the School Office and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

**Miss Foster**