



**Waddesdon Village Primary School**  
**Pathway to Excellence**  
**Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter**  
**Summer 2 2024**



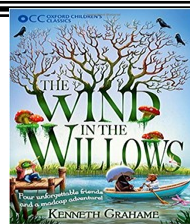
**English:**

Our core text this half term is "The Wind in the Willows" by Kenneth Grahame. We have chosen this text because it links well to our science topic of habitats. We will read the book together in whole class guided reading and discuss the rich vocabulary. It will be useful to investigate language used and written in this classic novel from 1908. The Wildlife Trust has some video clips that we will be using to link to our science, particularly focussing on how humans impact the environment. We will build upon our previous grammar and punctuation knowledge to write a non-chronological report about one of the animals from the story. Our regular reading comprehensions will use sections of the book and use non-fiction texts about animals and habitats. We will then be looking at the Poem 'The River' by Valerie Bloom.

**General Introduction:**

Welcome back to the final half term in Class 4. This will be a busy time as we have a longer term enabling us to finish some areas from Summer 1 and lots of new activities to pack in. With an orienteering trip and Sports Day to look forward to it should be a great end to a great year!

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**Mathematics:**

As previously mentioned the expectation is that children know all their tables up to 12 X 12 by the end of Year 4. The Multiplication Check will commence w/b 3rd June. At some point within the 2 weeks that follow your child will complete the check. We have been practising our times tables all year round in school and it would be greatly appreciated if you could continue this at home in preparation, TTRS and hit the Button are great for this.

This half term the children will begin with decimals and then finish with the final units for Year 4, including: time; shape and angles; position and direction. Mrs Morris will continue to cover: basic skills 1 lesson per fortnight and investigation work 1 lesson per fortnight. In the basic skills lessons Mrs Morris will maintain their use of the 4 operations.

**Science:**

This half term's topic is All Living Things. There will be a focus on Habitats. The children will be identifying, sorting and classifying plants and animals with the use of keys. We will get the opportunity to visit the school pond as part of our topic. Then they will investigate habitats of plants and animals. Finally, the class will investigate how humans have an impact on the environment and explore ways we can help or change things in our local natural environment.

**Weekly schedules:**

PE lessons will continue on Wednesdays and Fridays.  
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 our Class TAs.

**PE:**

PE this half term will focus on Athletics in preparation for sports day.

**RE:**

This half term the children will return to the religion of Christianity. This unit will focus on prayer and worship. The children will discuss and investigate the question - Do people need to go to church?"



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#### History:

This half term we will continue to find out about invaders and settlers of the UK. So far we have looked at timelines and investigated the decline of the Roman Empire. We then investigated why and how the Anglo-Saxons came to Britain and how they were converted to Christianity. We will then research the Viking invaders. We will use maps to identify where the Vikings came from; research aspects of life.

#### DT :

This half term our DT topic is tapestry. We will look at Anglo-Saxon and Viking art and writing, and also the Bayeux tapestry to inspire our own designs.

#### Music:

We will be exploring the theme Rivers with our music scheme 'Kapow'. I have chosen this because of the setting of Wind and The Willows

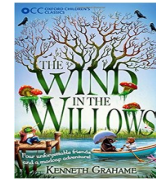
#### Computing:

This half term we will be looking at animation then create our own Anglo-Saxon / Viking animations using our long boats from last half term. Then we will follow a Purple Mash programme to investigate how to use the computer to write for different purposes.

#### 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 2 with a unit called "Le Cirque".

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#### PSHE:

Our final unit is named "Safety and the Changing body". This will focus on internet safety, first aid, effects of smoking and how our body physically changes.

#### Final word:

I have really enjoyed teaching your children this year, I will be sad to see them leave Year 4, but I know they will continue to do amazing things in Year 5. They have worked so hard and matured a great deal, they have been a pleasure to teach. As the dates show this is a very busy half term with lots to look forward to. Finally, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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

Homework will continue in the same manner as before. It will continue to be linked to what the children are learning in Maths and English and needs to be handed in on a **Monday**. Please continue to encourage your children to read regularly and hand in their reading record on the same day as homework. Keep practising spelling words from the Year 3 & 4 word list. As well as this, accessing TTRS and Numbots are also KS2 homework expectations.

#### Important Dates:

3rd —14th June	C4 multiplication check
6th June	Visit Waddesdon CofE Art Expo
10th June	Book Fair All week
24th June	Open Afternoon 2.30
25th June	Orienteering Trip— Waddesdon Manor
28th June	PAWS Summer Fete
2nd July	Transition Day
5th July	Sports Day
11th July	KS2 Bastille Day
23rd July	Break Up for Summer 1pm finish