



Waddesdon Village Primary School
Pathway to Excellence
Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter
Summer 2 2021-2022



English

This half term, pupils will finish reading 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll, which continues to link to our history. Following this we will then be reading 'Cloud Busting' by Malorie Blackman, which is linked to our new half termly theme of 'Being Human'. Through this text we will explore themes of bullying and different types of relationships. During this unit of work we will continue to use sentence stacking to write a range of different types of poetry, with pupils then writing their own independent poem. As well as exploring our rich texts, children will continue to take part in whole class reading lessons, which provides pupils with opportunities to read a variety of different genres of writing, while supporting a range of different subjects across the curriculum and improving their culture capital.



Welcome back to Waddesdon Village Primary School for Summer 2. 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.

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.

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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 Games – This half term pupils will continue to build upon their striking and fielding skills and apply them to a competitive game of cricket and rounders.

Science

To link with our topic this half term, pupils will be learning all about living things, including humans. During this module pupils will be investigating and learning about habitats, life cycles and how plants and animals reproduce.



Weekly schedules:

PE - Monday and Wednesday
 Times tables - Thursday
 Home Learning—Out on Friday and
 Due Tuesday

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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In History, pupils will continue to investigate and learn about the Ancient Egyptians. This half term pupils will be learning about the everyday life for Ancient Egyptian people including their writing and number system; religious beliefs and hierarchy.



Art

This half term, pupils will continue to design and sculpt their own Ancient Egyptian funerary mask which links to our history topic.



Music

This half term, children will be supporting Year 6 in their end of year production of 'The Tempest' by learning and performing a range of different songs.



Computing

In computing this half term, pupils will continue to learn about E-Safety and will be following the Purple Mash scheme of work which explores more complex coding.



MFL– Chez Moi

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 rooms in the house, saying what people do inside and outside the home and where.



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PSHE

This half term, pupils will be following the Waddesdon Primary scheme of work for RSE (Relationships and Sexual Education). For further information on what is covered in Class 5 for RSE please see last years parent consultation ppt on our website. We will also be using a variety of St. John Ambulance resources to learn how do basic first aid.



Important Dates:

- Monday 6th June– INSET Day
- Tuesday 7th June– Children Return
- Monday 13th– Friday 17th– Book Fair
- Tuesday 21st June– KS2 Production Dress Rehearsal
- Wednesday 22nd June– KS2 Production (afternoon and evening shows)
- Thursday 23rd June– KS2 Production (evening show)
- Thursday 7th July– PAWs Disco
- Tuesday 5th July– Transition Day
- Wednesday 20th July– Children Break Up

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). 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 for pupils to be able to be successful in 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 again is now a home learning expectation. As a school we will be continuing to follow the No Nonsense spelling scheme. 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.

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