



Waddesdon Village Primary School

Pathway to Excellence

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 1 2021

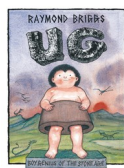
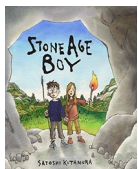


English

Our core texts this half term are 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura and 'Ugg' by Raymond Briggs.

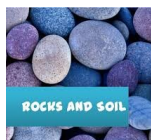
These books will give children the opportunity to look at developing their story writing skills and create fact files. We will also be looking at adverbials of time and place and develop understanding of adjectives and nouns.

Children will have the opportunity to develop their comprehension skills through weekly whole class reading sessions. In addition to this, children will have daily spelling and handwriting sessions.



Science

This half term the children will be exploring 'Rocks and Soils'. *What is under our feet?* This will be just one of many questions that the children will be able to answer whilst creating their own Rock Museum. This unit will allow children to describe rocks and compare their properties as well as discover how soil is formed from rocks, and investigate the permeability of different soils.



Welcome to Class 3!

Welcome back to school. I hope you had a relaxing summer break. This term there will be a focus on reading, writing, maths and particularly well-being as children become familiar with school routines and settle into Key Stage 2.

Our topic for this half term is 'Class 3 Rocks!'. We have planned many exciting and interesting learning opportunities throughout this term.

Autumn 1 'Class 3 Rocks!'



Weekly schedules:

Monday (PM): Miss Foster (PPA Teacher)
Mr McGeeney (PE).

Tuesday: Homework to be handed in.

Wednesday: Reading Records & books handed in.

Thursday (PM): PE — Mrs Ellis

Friday: Times Tables Test and Golden Time.
Homework books, Reading Records and books handed out.

Mathematics

This half term children will be building and recapping on their previous knowledge from Year 2, as well as learning a range of new mathematical skills. They will deepen their level of understanding of number and place value before moving onto addition and subtraction

Through a range of activities children will have the opportunity to practice their problem solving and reasoning skills, in familiar and unfamiliar contexts.



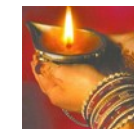
PE

PE with Exposure Sport will be on Monday afternoon. Children will be learning key skills in badminton.

PE with myself will be on Thursday afternoon. Children will be learning key skills in Tag Rugby and using correct movements and techniques, including running and passing.

RE

This half term the children will be learning about what happens during the festival of Diwali and whether the celebrations bring a sense of belonging to Hindus.





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History

This term children will be introduced to the idea that people from other societies have been coming to settle in Britain for a long time. The focus is on the Stone Age - the earliest hunter-gatherers who came to Britain from Europe around 450,000 BC. Children will learn how these people settled and began farming the land. They will also research their lifestyle including clothing and food.



DT & Art

This half term the children will be creating Stone Age lino prints with the focus on cave paintings and their meanings. They will develop their artistic skills by learning a range of block printing techniques including designing and layering.



Music

This half term the children will identify pulse, rhythm and pitch using the music 'Let Your Spirit Fly' by Jan Johansen.



Computing

This half term the children will look at coding using the Purple Mash software and using the 2code programme. They will also focus on how to be 'Internet secure' and 'Internet Kind'.

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 'Bonjour'.



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'Class 3 Rocks!'



Important Dates:

- Wed 8th Sept.** 4.30 pm - Meet the New Teacher Meeting
- Wed 20th Oct.** Individual Photos
- Friday 22nd Oct** Last Day of Term

I look forward to working with you over the course of this half term supporting your child with their transition into Key Stage 2 and settling back into school. Please feel free to arrange to see me or talk to me over the phone if you have any queries. This can be done through the School Office.

Mrs Ellis

How you can support your child at home:

Enjoy reading to your child and listening to your child read. Show them how you read for pleasure and discuss how reading helps you each day demonstrating your comprehension skills. Reading books will be changed once a week on a Wednesday.

Celebrate your child selecting a book from the Reading Rocket Challenge or one that is different from the type/author that they would usually pick.

Look for rich vocabulary together in books and films then make a note of these words and try to use them in everyday conversations.

Discuss which spellings they found tricky this week in their writing and encourage them to try a range of strategies to help remember.

Discuss times table facts and encourage your child to regularly log onto Times Table Rockstars at home.

PSHE

This half term children will be exploring a variety of different themes, including 'Being me in my world'. Through discussion, circle time, drama and practical activities children will know how to tackle changes, and learn how to work together.