



**Waddesdon Village Primary School
Pathway to Excellence
Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn 1 2021**



English:

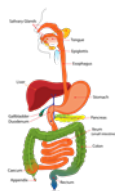
Our core text this half term is a book called "The Tear Thief". This story has links to PSHE and will help us identify a range of feelings and emotions. We will also use the rich language to enable us to write successful stories with interesting characters. We will continue to build upon our previous grammar and punctuation knowledge. As well as



listening to and reading this text as a class, pupils will continue to take part in regular guided reading lessons.

Science

This half term our science is particularly well linked to our Autumn theme 'Being Me' and the children will be looking at the human digestive system, including the Teeth. I hope to make this as hands on and interesting as possible.



General Introduction:

Hello and welcome to Class 4. I have chosen a core text for this first half term that has strong links to well being and PSHE themes, which will be a great focus for us as we start Year 4. During the first few days we will be settling in to our new class. We will be spending time getting to know each other and discussing the expectations as well as all the fun things we will be doing over this coming year. If there is anything that you wish to discuss please feel free to contact me.

Mrs Bennett, Class 4 Teacher

Autumn 1
"Being Me"

Weekly schedules:

Mrs Morris will teach the class on Wednesday mornings and PPA will be covered on Wednesday afternoons by a specialist PE teacher (Exposure Sport) and Teacher Miss Foster.

Tuesday– Swimming (departing at 9am).

Mathematics:

This half term children will be building on their previous learning from year 3, as well as learning a range of new mathematical skills. They will be looking at: Roman numerals and place value of numbers, methods for all four operations and how to approach more complex word problems. Mrs Morris will teach basic maths skills and investigations on a fortnightly basis on Wednesday mornings.

Throughout all maths units the pupils will have the opportunity to practise their problem solving and reasoning skills, in familiar and unfamiliar contexts.

PE

Swimming on a Tuesday morning.

PE with Exposure Sport on Wednesday

afternoon. This half term the children will be practising skills for invasion games and putting these skills into action in small games.

RE

This half term the children will be investigating Judaism beliefs and practises, with a particular focus on the special relationship that Jews believe they have with God.



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Geography

During this Autumn Term the class will find out about tsunamis, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes. We will begin by identifying mountain ranges and some of the highest peaks around the world, using world and continent maps. During the whole Autumn unit the children will investigate how different types of mountains are formed. In the second half of the Autumn term the focus will be mostly on volcanoes and earthquakes.

DT & Art

This half term the children will find out about the British artist David Hockney and his style of work. They will have opportunities to sketch, paint and create collages in the style of David Hockney.

Music

The Charanga music scheme will be followed. This half term the children will identify pulse, rhythm and pitch using the music Mamma Mia by Abba

Computing

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

MFL

French will be taught by Mr Mitchener on Thursday mornings. He will be following the Rigolo scheme of French work, which starts in the Autumn term with a Unit called "Encore"



PSHE

This half term, pupils will be following the Jigsaw scheme of work with Mrs Morris. Pupils will be learning about their rights and responsibilities and how to be a good team member. This will be linked to the RRSA award and Growth Mindset.

Final word

I am really looking forward to getting to know your children and to support them with their learning in class 4. If you wish to discuss anything further or require any support please feel free to contact me. Mrs Bennett.

How you can support your child at home:

Children will be receiving home learning which is due in on a **Tuesday**. Home learning will be linked to what the children are learning in Maths and English. As a school we are continuing to have a big push on children reading for pleasure. To support this please could you encourage your children to read every night. Rich texts can be accessed via our 'Rocket Reading Challenge' which has been launched and proving to be successful. Pupils will continue to have weekly times tables tests. Please could you help your children practise these and complete set tasks on 'Times Tables Rock Stars'. Pupils will have spelling and phonics lessons four times a week where they will be assessed regularly. Please see strategies to support your children in spellings which is available on the website. Also the Year 3 and 4 spelling list is in the front of homework books and the expectation is that children can spell these words, and use them in their writing by the end of the year.

