



Waddesdon Village Primary School

Pathway to Excellence

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2 2021



English

Our core text this half term is 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes.

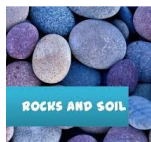
This book will give children the opportunity to write non-fiction texts such as recounts and newspaper articles. We will also be looking at narrative plots and character and setting descriptions.

Children will have the opportunity to develop their comprehension skills through weekly whole class reading sessions.



Science

This half term the children will be learning about Forces and Magnets. This unit will allow children to learn about forces, friction and magnetic attraction. They will learn about forces in the context of pushing and pulling, and will identify different actions as pushes or pulls. There will be opportunities to conduct investigations into the strength of different types of magnets.



Welcome to Class 3!

I hope you have had a good break and are looking forward to the coming half term.

Our topic is '**May the force be with you!**'. We have planned a variety of learning opportunities this half term to develop your child's knowledge and understanding further.

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'May the force be with you!'



Weekly schedules:

Monday (PM): PE— Miss Foster

Tuesday: Homework to be handed in.

Thursday (PM): Mrs Ellis and PE — Exposure Sport.

Friday (AM): Additional PPA so the class taught by Mrs Ellis. Times Tables Test and Golden Time. Homework books, Reading Records and books handed out.

Mathematics

This half term children will continue to develop their understanding of addition and subtraction using the CPA (concrete, pictorial, abstract) approach. Later on in the half term, children will learn how to use mental and written formal methods to help multiply and divide numbers.

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 myself will be on Monday afternoon. Children will be learning a variety of dances and dance techniques including African dancing.

PE with Exposure Sport will be on Thursday afternoon. Children will be learning key skills in hockey including controlling and passing the ball.

RE

The children will be investigating the meaning and symbolism of Christmas and exploring how it is celebrated in different countries.





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History

This half term children will continue to learn about the history of Britain between the Stone Age and Iron Age. We will mainly be focusing on the Bronze Age and Iron Age, but also drawing comparisons with the Stone Age. The children will learn how life developed over this period and how the changes made then are still evident today.



DT & Art

The children will be looking at the work of Antony Gormley and studying the sculptures that he has created. They will have the opportunity to make and develop their own sculptures through the medium of clay.



Music

This half term the children will be learning about the language of music through playing the glockenspiel.



Computing

Children will look at spreadsheets using the Purple Mash software. They will also be looking at Internet Safety and how to stay safe online.

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 "En Classe"



Important Dates:

- Thurs. 11th Nov 2:30-3:30 Open afternoon
- Fri. 12th Nov Children in Need fundraiser
- Tues. 16th Nov Flu Vaccinations
- Weds. 24th Nov Parents Evening
- Thurs. 25th Nov Parents Evening
- Mon. 13th Dec KS2 Christmas Party
- Tues. 14th Dec. Christmas Dinner
- Fri. 17th Dec. End of term

I have had the pleasure of teaching Class 3 last half-term and I am looking forward to continuing to teach them over the coming weeks .

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.

Miss Foster

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 Friday.

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 or Numbots at home.

PSHE

We will be 'Celebrating Difference'. The children will be taking part in discussions, circle time, drama and practical activities which will enable them to celebrate their differences and work together,