



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



English



To link with our topic this half term, children will be reading the book 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. In this unit of work pupils will be applying their knowledge about the Victorians, that they have learnt through the book and in History, to write a non-chronological report. In whole class reading sessions and through our core text, pupils will continue to develop their reading comprehension and learn strategies to help them answer a range of different types of reading questions. Each week pupils will continue to work on their SPaG knowledge through our No Nonsense spelling scheme and discrete grammar and punctuation lesson which will then be expected to be applied in their writing.

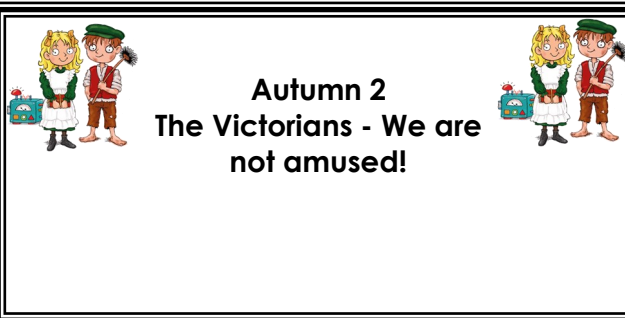
Science– Properties and Changes of Materials

To link to our topic this half term, pupils will be investigating the properties of a variety of different materials, including the hardness, solubility, transparency and conductivity. They will gain an understanding of how chemists test new materials and how materials have changed over time.



General Introduction:

Welcome back to Waddesdon Village Primary School for Autumn 2. We hope that you enjoyed your half term 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. If there is anything that you wish to discuss please feel free to contact Mrs Leslie or Mrs Morris.



Weekly schedules:

PE - Tuesday and Wednesday (Pupils come to school in PE kit)
 Times table practice – Monday & Tuesday
 Times table test - Friday
 Home Learning: Out on Friday
 Due Tuesday

Mathematics

This half term children will be building on their previous learning from year 4, as well as learning a range of new mathematical skills. They will be learning about: the relationship between addition and subtraction; the link between repeated addition and multiplication; formal methods of addition and subtraction and multiplying and dividing whole numbers and decimal fractions by powers of 10. Pupils will continue to work on how to approach more complex varied fluency problems involving all four operations. Throughout these conceptual areas, pupils will have the opportunity to practice their problem solving and reasoning skills, in familiar and unfamiliar contexts, as well as being encouraged to explain their reasoning.

PE

Net Games: This half term, led by an Exposure Sports coach, pupils will be learning and building upon their badminton skills.

Net Games: This half term, led by Mrs Leslie, pupils will be learning and building upon their netball skills.

RE

During RE this term, pupils will be studying Christianity. They will look at the origins of Christmas as a Christian festival and how it is celebrated. The children will learn about the nativity and its importance to the religion.





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History

To link to our core text, pupils will continue studying Victorian Britain. This half term pupils will be learning about what it was like to be a child in Victorian Britain; the divide between the rich and poor and what a Victorian Christmas was like. Throughout this unit pupils will be focusing on children's rights and how they were different to their own. (RRSA).



DT

In DT this half term pupils will be exploring Victorian cooking. They will focus on the difference in diet between the rich and poor during this time period. Towards Christmas pupils will be learning about traditional Christmas foods that the Victorians ate.

Music

Children will study Jazz music with a focus on the 'Three Note Bossa' and 'The Five Note Swing'. Pupils will continue to develop their skills of composition and improvisation, building up to an end of unit performance.

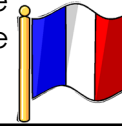


Computing

In computing this half term, pupils will be building on and learning new coding skills. Children will be encouraged to solve their own problems when they get stuck, either by reading through their code again or by asking their peers; this models the way that coding work is really done.

MFL- A L'ecole

This half term, pupils will continue to study the Rigalo scheme of work and be taught by a specialist French teacher. Pupils will be learning how to describe their school day including: naming subjects, say what they like and dislike and talking about the timings of their day.



Autumn 2
The Victorians - We are not amused!

PSHE

This half term, pupils will be following the Jig Saw scheme of work. Pupils will be learning to celebrate each others differences and continue to learn about children's rights which is linked to the RRSA award. As a school we will continue to support pupils general well-being which may have been effected during COVID-19 school closure through regular well-being and mindfulness lessons.



Final word

We are looking forward to another great term and working collaboratively with you to ensure your children reach their full potential.

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). This term we are hoping to be able to re-open our library and pupils will be able to enjoy taking part in our Reading Rocket challenge. 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.

Important Dates:

- Tuesday 9th November– Year 4 & 5 Open Afternoon
- Thursday 11th November– Remembrance Day
- Friday 12th November– Children in Need
- Tuesday 16th November– Flu Vaccination
- 24th and 25th November– Parents Evening
- W/C 29th November– Book Fair
- Thursday 2nd December– Carol Service TBC
- Friday 10th December– Year 5 Victorian Christmas Day
- Monday 13th December– KS2 Christmas Party
- Friday 14th December– School Christmas Dinner
- Friday 17th December– Break up for Christmas