



Waddesdon Village Primary School

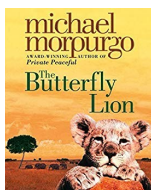
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English



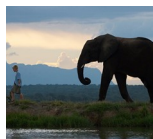
Our core text this half term is 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo.

This is a lovely, thought provoking book that will give children the opportunity to research and learn about wild animals and form their own opinions on whether animals should be kept in captivity. Children will also get the chance to practice writing instructions and non-chronological reports.

The children will also be introduced to daily whole class reading lessons, which will support children in developing their inference and comprehension skills. The children will be exposed to a variety of literature, including poetry, classic literature and texts relating to wider curriculum topics.

Science

This half term the children will be learning about Animals including Humans. This unit will allow children to understand that plants and animals obtain food in different ways. Children will be able to name different types of skeletons. They will also be able to name the main bones in the human body and explain how pairs of muscles work together to enable movement.



Welcome to Class 3!

I hope you have had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break and are looking forward to the coming half term.

Our topic is '**Born Free!**'. We have a range of learning opportunities planned for this half term to help develop your children's knowledge and understanding further.

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Weekly schedules:

- Monday:** Times table practice.
- Tuesday:** Weekly swimming lessons at Aqua Vale and homework to be handed in.
- Wednesday:** Times table practice.
- Thursday (PM):** Mrs Arnaud/Miss Stewart & Exposure Sports (PE).
- Friday (AM):** The children will be taught by Mrs Leslie in order for Miss Foster to have additional PPA time.
- (PM):** Times Tables Test and Golden Time. Homework books to be handed out.

Mathematics

This half term, children will be developing their knowledge in Mathematics, whilst recapping previous learning from Year 2. The children will develop their understanding of multiplication and division. We will be looking at using mental and formal written methods of calculation to solve fluency, reasoning and problem solving questions.

The children will also learn about right angles and will be able to identify different types of angles. Through a range of activities children will have the opportunity to practice their problem solving and reasoning skills.



PE

The children will have weekly swimming lessons **every Tuesday Morning** at Aqua Vale.

PE with Exposure Sport will be on Thursday afternoon. Children will be learning key skills in tennis and applying these skills to a variety of games.

RE

This half term the children will have the opportunity to learn about miracles that Jesus performed and consider what miracles they would ask Jesus to perform in the world today.





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Geography

This half term children will be studying our local area and carrying out field work to observe and record the local human and physical features through a range of methods. The children will also be looking at how the school and land use has changed over the years.



DT & Art

The children will be looking at animal habitats and their features. They will be designing and building their own bug hotel and evaluating its effectiveness. As a class we will be refurbishing and improving the school bug hotel that is currently situated in the school grounds.



Music

This half term the children will be learning the song 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley. The children will be exploring reggae music and the historical context of this musical style.



Computing

The children will be using Purplemash this half term to learn how to touch type and send and receive emails. We will also be taking part in 'Safer Internet Day' and learning 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 "Mon Corps"



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Important Dates:

- Wednesday 5th January: Children back to school.
- Tuesday 11th January: Swimming Lessons commence.
- Friday 11th February: 'Make a Wish' Charity Fundraiser (tbc).
- Monday 14th February: PAWS Valentine Bake Sale after school.
- Friday 18th February: Break up for half-term.

We have had a very busy and enjoyable first term to the school year and myself, Mrs Arnaud and Miss Stewart are very much looking forward to the coming half term.

As always if you have any queries or concerns please contact the School Office and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Miss Foster

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 liked 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 at least 20 minutes.

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 in supporting children's understanding of 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 is also a home learning expectation

As a school, we follow the No Nonsense Spelling scheme; for further information and guidance about this, please refer to the school website.

PSHE

This half term children will be exploring 'Dreams and Goals'. Through discussion, circle time, drama and practical activities children will learn how to set their own goals to help them be successful.

