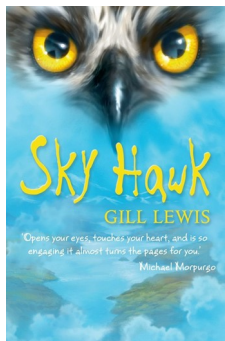




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**English**



To start this half term, we will be finishing off our core text 'Street Child' before moving on to a new text called 'Sky Hawk' by Gill Lewis. During this module of work pupils will be sentence stacking and working towards writing a newspaper report.

Throughout this text, pupils will focus on key comprehension skills such as: making reasonable

predictions; using their skimming and scanning skills to identify information in the text and finding appropriate evidence in order to justify their point of view.

Each week pupils will continue to have discrete whole class reading sessions based on a variety of different genre of texts or extracts.

**General Introduction:**

*Welcome back to Waddesdon Village Primary School for Spring 1. We hope that you enjoyed your Christmas 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.*

**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. These include: adding and subtracting decimals; investigating factors, multiples and prime numbers; squaring and cubing numbers and applying these concepts to find the area and volume of shapes.

Throughout these conceptual areas, pupils will have the opportunity to practice their problem solving and reasoning skills, in familiar and unfamiliar contexts.

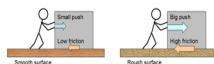


**Spring 1**

**Bird's Eye View**

**Science– Forces**

Class 5 will be turning into investigatory Scientists this half term as our Science lessons will be very experimental and hands-on. We will be undergoing practical investigations on forces such as gravity, friction, air resistance and water resistance. Pupils will be independently conducting these investigations, involving recording results, analysing findings, writing summaries and presenting data in varying statistical graphs.



**Weekly schedules:**

PE - Tuesday and Wednesday

Times table practice – Monday & Tuesday

Times table test - Thursday

Home Learning:      Out on Friday  
                                  Due Tuesday

**PE**

**Invasion Games**– In their PE lessons, led by an Exposure Sports Instructor, the children will be building on and developing skills required to play invasion games.

**Dance**– Pupils will be studying a wide variety of different types of dance, including Scottish Ceilidh dancing which links to our core text.



**RE**

During RE this term, pupils will be looking at the beliefs and morals of Sikhism. Throughout this unit of work pupils will study a variety of different religious scriptures and make links between what they have studied and their own beliefs.





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### Geography

To link with our core text, pupils will be studying a variety of different countries and continents that an osprey visits during its migration to Africa. This will include Britain, countries in Europe and Africa. During this unit of work pupils will learn how to read a variety of maps; identify and compare key human, physical and topographical features and consider the impact that human activity has had within location.

### DT

During Design Technology this half term, pupils will be designing, making prototypes and testing their own gliders. Pupils will then make a final product that will be flown in a competitive class competition.



### Music

This half term, children will be studying a variety of familiar pop ballads. During this unit, pupils will listen and appraise a variety of songs; use percussion instruments for improvisation and start to compose their own ballad songs.

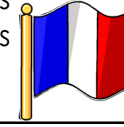


### Computing

In computing this half term, pupils will be looking at spreadsheets. During this unit, children will learn how to use formula; the counting tool and how to perform calculations. (Cross-curricula link with Maths)

### MFL- La Nourriture

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 order food items in a restaurant; express opinions about different foods and be able to explain if food is healthy or unhealthy.



### PSHE

This half term, pupils will be following the Jig Saw scheme of work. Pupils will be thinking about their goals and dreams. Throughout our PSHE scheme of work pupils will continue to learn about their rights which is linked to the RRSA



### Final word

We are looking forward to another great term and working collaboratively with you to ensure your children reach their full potential. If you wish to discuss anything further or require any support please feel free to contact us.  
Mrs Leslie & Mrs Morris.

### 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). 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 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 Date:

Wednesday 5th January- Pupils back to school  
 Wednesday 5th- Friday 7th January- Year 5 and 6 Bikability  
 Friday 14th January- Make a Wish fundraiser tbc  
 Wednesday 19th January- Maths Information Evening tbc  
 Thursday 27th January- Year 5 IFly trip  
 Friday 18th February- Break up for half term