



Waddesdon Village Primary School
Pathway to Excellence
Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter
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English

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

This book will give children the opportunity to learn the features of instructions, which they will apply to writing their own set of instructions independently.

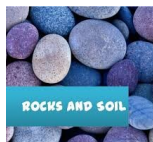
In addition to this, children will explore a holiday brochure about the Prehistoric Skara Brae, which the children have enjoyed learning about. They will then write their own holiday brochure about a location of their choice.

Children will have the opportunity to develop their comprehension skills through daily 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.



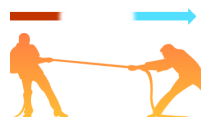
Welcome to Class 3!

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!'



Mathematics

This half term children will develop their understanding of angles. Following this, children will be learning column addition and subtraction. Children will be using concrete, pictorial and abstract representations to support their learning.

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 the skills and techniques of hockey and will build up to playing mini games.

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.



Weekly schedules:

Monday: Homework to be handed in. Times Table practice. PE with Miss Foster (PM).

Wednesday: Times table practice.

Thursday (PM): Mrs Patel and PE — Exposure Sport. Times Tables Test. Homework books to be handed out.

Friday: Golden Time.



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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 melodies, linking to Chinese New Year.



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:

Thursday 2nd November—KS2 Inter-form (PM)
Friday 3rd November—Be Bright, Be Seen
mufti day
Friday 17th November—Children in Need
mufti day
Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st November—
Parents Evening
W/C 27th November—Test Week
Wednesday 13th December at 9:30am—
iRock performance
Wednesday 29th November—RE workshop at
the Church
Friday 15th December—Break up at 3:20pm

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.

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 focusing on the topic 'Family and Relationships'. The children will be taking part in discussions, circle time, drama and practical activities which will enable them to explore healthy family dynamics, friendship conflicts and respecting differences.