



Waddesdon Village Primary School

Pathway to Excellence

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 2 2022

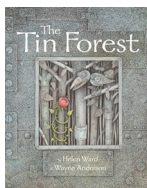


English

Our core text this half term is 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward and Wayne Anderson.

This book is a tale of transformation and will give children the opportunity to make connections with changes in their own lives through drama, storytelling and poetry. Children will be developing their creative and descriptive writing skills and focussing on different writing styles.

Daily Whole Class Reading lessons will continue to take place this half-term and children will continue to develop their inference and comprehension skills. Our focus on handwriting has been going well and I look forward to continuing to award children with pen licences this half – term.



Science

This half term the children will be learning about Plants. This unit will allow children to learn about what plants need to grow well and why it is important that they do. We will be looking at the different parts of a plant and the life cycle of flowering plants. Children will be carrying out experimental and investigative work to find out how water moves through plants and they will have the opportunity to grow their own sunflower.



Welcome to Class 3!

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term. I hope you have had a relaxing break.

Our topic is 'Spring Has Sprung!'. We have a range of learning opportunities planned for this half term to engage the children and develop their learning further.

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Weekly schedules:

Monday– Times table practice.

Tuesday—Weekly Swimming Lessons (AM).
Home learning to be handed in.

Wednesday– Times table practice.

Thursday—PE with Exposure Sports.
PSHE and Library session with Mrs Watkins and Mrs Arnaud.

Friday—Miss Forchione will teach Class 3 (AM).
Times table test.

Mathematics

This half term, we will continue to consolidate the children's learning in addition and subtraction. We are going to focus on column addition and subtraction.

Following this, we will be learning multiplication and division methods, which will support children's understanding of times tables.

The children will continue completing weekly times table tests.



PE

Swimming lessons will continue this half term on Tuesdays at Aqua Vale.

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

RE

This half term the children will be learning the events in the Easter story and understand why Jesus' crucifixion symbolises hope for Christians.





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Geography

This half term children will be researching and studying North and South America. We will be focussing on rainforests, including where rainforests are located in the world, their climate and how to protect them.



Art

The children will be studying and evaluating the work of Henri Rousseau. They will be designing their own pictures in the style of Rousseau and experimenting with water colours to create colourful and vibrant rainforests.



Music

This half term the children will be learning to create their own compositions based on a stimulus. This will include creating soundscapes and using musical instruments.



Computing

The children will be using Purple Mash this half term to learn and improve their touch typing skills, using a keyboard.

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 "Les Animaux"



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Important Dates:

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| Thurs. 3rd March | World Book Day |
| Mon. 14th March | Parent/Carer Open Afternoon (2:30pm—3:20pm) |
| Fri. 18th March | Red Nose Day Charity Fundraiser |
| Weds. 30th March | Parents Evening |
| Thurs. 31st March | Parents Evening |
| Thurs. 7th April | PAWS Easter Disco |
| Friday 8th April | Break up for Easter Holidays |

We have a busy and fun-filled half term ahead of us!

As always if you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to see me after school or send an email via 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.

Please ensure you are reading daily with your children and record this in your child's reading record. It is important reading records are bought into school as often as possible so we can keep track of children's reading progress.

Reading books will be changed three times a week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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 and Numbots at home.

PSHE

This half term children will be exploring 'Healthy Me'. Through discussion, circle time, drama and practical activities children will learn how to look after their bodies and minds.

