



Waddesdon Village Primary School

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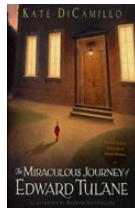
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English:

Our core class text this half term is The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane. We will be focusing on writing narrative and conversations. The children will learn how to use the correct punctuation for speech and how to set out their work correctly. We will create short story books. Mrs Morris will continue to work on the Year 4 SPaG objectives. As well as listening to and reading our core text as a class, pupils will also take part in weekly whole class reading lessons. During these lessons pupils will have the opportunity to read and apply their comprehension skills.



General Introduction:

Welcome back to another busy half term in Class 4. I hope you all had a good half term break, and the children have recovered from their few days at Woodrow High House. I am looking forward to the work planned with our core text and hope that the activities will ensure that the children are engaged and make good progress.

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"Journeys"



Mathematics:

To begin this half term we will finish our work on multiplication and division and then move onto written methods. We will then focus on fractions and decimals. Initially, there will be a complete recap of what fractions are and starting over this half term the children will learn how to: express equivalent fractions in different representations; find fractions of diagrams, quantities and numbers; add and subtract fractions; and understand tenths and hundredths as decimals. Mrs Morris will continue to cover: basic skills 1 lesson per fortnight and introduce some open ended investigations 1 lesson per fortnight. As previously mentioned the expectation is that children know all their tables up to 12X12 by the end of Year4, so please continue to help them with their practise.

Science:

This half term we will be continuing with our electricity topic, which the children are really enjoying, and then moving onto our 'Being Scientific Investigators' unit.

Weekly schedules:

PE lessons will continue on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Mrs Morris will continue to teach the class on Wednesday mornings and PPA will be covered on Wednesday afternoons by a specialist PE teacher and RE with Mrs Saw and Mrs Saunders

RE:

This half term the children will be returning to Christianity and recapping the Easter story. The unit will then have a focus on forgiveness.

PE:

Indoor PE will continue for the majority of the class on Tuesdays.
PE with Mr McGeeney/Exposure Sport on Wednesday afternoon.



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Geography:

This half term we will continue to find out about Spain. In this unit so far we have used maps and atlases to locate Europe and the European countries as well as investigating reasons why tourists would want to visit Spain. This half term we will be looking at compass points and then moving onto comparing Waddesdon with a Spanish town.



DT & Art:

This half term our DT topic is wood work We will be looking at joining wood together effectively and creating a masterpiece linked to our journeys topic!

Music:

We are going to be trialling a new music unit called 'Haiku music and performance' . If we have time, We will then follow the next Charanga unit "Lean On Me". This unit involves gospel based songs.

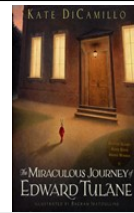
Computing:

To begin the term we will complete our unit on effective searching and move onto Animation..

MFL:

French will be taught by Mr Mitchener on Thursday mornings. He will be following the Rigolo scheme of French work, which continues in Spring 2 with a unit called "Ou vas-tu?"

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PSHE:

Mrs Morris will work with the class to continue to recognise the importance of a "Growth Mindset" . The class will then continue to follow the Jig Saw scheme of work. The unit this half term is called "Healthy Me".

Important Dates:

Thursday 3rd March - World book day
Tuesday 15th March—Y3 and 4 open afternoon
30th March—Parents evening TBC
31st March— Parents evening TBC

How you can support your child at home:

As before, the children will be receiving home learning every Friday which is due in the following Tuesday. Home learning will be linked to what they are learning in Maths and English. Please continue to encourage your children to read at least 4 times a week (including Bug Club) and record this in the reading record. This will also be collecting in and checked on a Tuesday along side the home learning books. Please continue to ensure they practise times-tables daily and log in to the TT Rockstars to enable them to move up the levels, and most importantly to use them efficiently in their Maths lessons.

The Year 3 and 4 spelling list is in the front of homework books and the expectation is that children can spell these words, and use them in their writing by the end of the year.

Final word:

I thoroughly enjoyed spending time with your children away from school at Woodrow High House last term. It is always interesting to spend time with your class outside the school setting and taking part in different activities. We are looking forward to all the activities this half term has to offer. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.
Mrs Bennett