



Waddesdon Village Primary School

Pathway to Excellence

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 2 2024

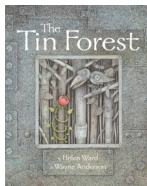


English

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

As a class, we will write a letter based on 'The Gardener' and for their independent write, the children will write their own letter based on an event in 'The Tin Forest'. The children will also design their own magazine article based on climate change.

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.
Home learning to be handed in.

Tuesday—Weekly Swimming Lessons (AM).

Wednesday— Times table practice.

Thursday—Times table test. PE with Exposure Sports (PM). Homework handed out.

Friday—Golden Time.

Mathematics

This half term, we will be focusing on fractions. The children will be exploring and learning about unit fractions, which will develop onto non-unit fractions.

Following this, we will revisit the key skills of column addition and subtraction and apply these to word problems and scenarios.

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 tag rugby 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 focusing 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 we will focus on learning the songs for the Year 3 and 4 Performance at the end of the half-term.



Computing

The children will be using Purple Mash this half term to continue their learning of emails, by exploring attachments

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:

- Thurs 7th March—World Book Day
- W/C 11th March—British Science Week
- Weds 13th March— Parent & Carers Open Afternoon
- Tues 19th March & Weds 20th March—Parents Evening
- Fri 22nd March—Dress Rehearsal for LKS2 Performance
- Mon 25th March—LKS2 Performance 2pm
- Tues 26th March— LKS2 Performance 6pm
- Thurs 28th March—Break up for Easter

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

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to 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 brought into school as often as possible so we can keep track of children's reading progress.

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 'Safety and the changing body'. Where children will explore how to be safe in an emergency, being safe and kind online, as well as keeping safe out and about.