



Waddesdon Village Primary School
Pathway to Excellence
Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter
Spring 2 2024



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 continue to use the correct punctuation for speech and how to set out their work correctly. 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 we are very excited to be putting together our Production this half term. If there is anything that you wish to discuss please feel free to contact me.

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Mathematics:

To begin this half term we will finish our work on multiplication and division. 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 Year 4, 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 Wednesday and Fridays.
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 Mrs Gehnich and Mrs Saw.

PE:

PE lesson will continue to take part on Wednesdays and Fridays. We will be working on Dance and Gymnastics.

Computing:

To begin the term we will begin our unit all based on animation using both Purple Mash and Stop Motion programmes.

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.



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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. We will also be looking at compass points and then moving onto comparing Waddesdon with a Spanish town.



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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How you can support your child at home:

As before, the children will be receiving home learning every Thursday which is due in the following Monday. 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 and record this in the reading record. 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. Please continue to work with your child to learn their lines for the production. We have discussed costumes with the children. Please let us know asap if you are unable to source anything.

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:

Most of this term our music will be focused on the play songs. In addition to this we will be completing the music unit, Changes to tempo linking the music to how water and rivers move.

PSHE:

The class will then continue to follow the Kapow scheme of work. The unit this half term is called "Citizenship".

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 Smith

Important Dates:

Thurs 7th March -	World Book Day
Tues 12th March -	Open Afternoon 2.30—3.00
Week Beg 11th March -	STEM Week
Tues 19th March -	Parent's Eve 3.30-7.30
Wed 20th March -	Parent's Eve 3.30 - 5.30
Fri 22nd March -	Dress Rehearsal 10.00
Mon 25th March -	Afternoon Performance
Tues 26th March -	Evening Performance
Thurs 28th March -	Break Up for Easter