



Waddesdon Village Primary School

Pathway to Excellence

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 2 2023-2024



English

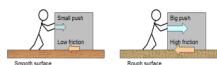


Our core text this half term is 'Cog Heart' by Peter Bunzl. During this module of work, we will continue to use sentence stacking to develop pupils knowledge of different sentence structures; use of rich vocabulary and use of punctuation. Pupils will work towards producing their own independent persuasive letter on the rights of mechanicals.

As well as exploring our rich text, children will continue to take part in whole class reading lessons, which provides pupils with opportunities to read a variety of different genres of writing, while supporting a range of different subjects across the curriculum and improving their culture capital.

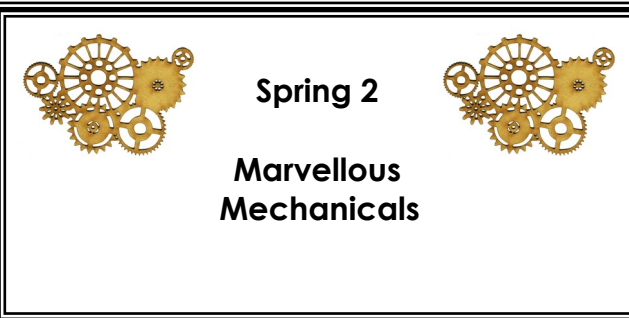
Science- Forces

Class 5 will be turning into investigatory Scientists this half term as our Science lessons will be very experimental and hands-on. We will continue to undergo practical investigations on forces, focusing particularly on the effect that pulleys, levers and other mechanisms have on them.



General Introduction:

Welcome back to Waddesdon Village Primary School for Spring 2. We hope that you enjoyed your half term break. This term we have planned many interesting learning opportunities for your children to ensure that they are engaged and make good progress throughout the curriculum. If there is anything that you wish to discuss please feel free to contact Mrs Leslie or Mrs Morris.



Weekly schedules:

PE - Monday and Wednesday

Times table practice – Monday & Tuesday

Times table test - Thursday

Home Learning: Out on Thursday
Due Tuesday

Mathematics

This half term children will be building on their previous learning from year 4, as well as learning a range of new mathematical skills through our mastery curriculum. These include: calculating with decimal fractions; multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 and starting to investigate factors, prime numbers and squared numbers. Throughout these conceptual areas, pupils will use a range of concrete, pictorial and abstract representations to help them with their conceptual understanding, as well as their fluency. Within all modules of learning pupils will have the opportunity to practice their problem solving and reasoning skills, in familiar and unfamiliar contexts.

PE

Striking and Fielding- In their PE lessons, led by The class teacher, pupils will be building on their fitness and developing skills required to play a game Handball.

Invasion Games- In their PE lessons, led by an Exposure Sports Instructor, pupils will be learning how to play volleyball.

RE

During RE this term, pupils will be learning about Christianity. Throughout this unit of work children will learn about the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ and how Christians celebrate Easter.





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Geography

This half term, pupils will continue to study a variety of different countries and continents across the world. This will include Britain, countries in Europe and Africa. During this unit of work pupils will learn how to read a variety of maps to: identify places on OS maps, using grid references; identify countries on a world map, using longitude and latitude lines and how to use a compass and a map together.

DT

To link with our core text and learning in Science, this half term pupils will be designing and making their own mechanical animals just like one of the main characters in our book. Pupils will use a cam mechanism to create a moving animal and will be learning a range of wood craft skills.

Music

This half term, children will continue to learn about African drumming which supports our learning in Geography.

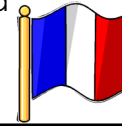


Computing

This half term, pupils will use physical computing to explore the concept of selection in programming through the use of the Crumble programming environment.

MFL– En Ville

This half term, pupils will continue to study the Rigolo scheme of work and be taught by a specialist French teacher. Pupils will be learning how to name places in a town, ask the way and give directions, give the time and say where they are going.



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Marvellous Mechanicals

PSHE

This half term, pupils will be following the Kapow scheme of work and linking this to their rights (RRSA award). This half term pupils will be investigating exploring the 'Healthy Me' unit that will focus on topics such as smoking, alcohol, body image and healthy lifestyle choices.

Final word

We are looking forward to another great term and working collaboratively with you to ensure your children reach their full potential. If you wish to discuss anything further or require any support please feel free to contact us.
 Mrs Leslie & Mrs Morris.

How you can support your child at home:

Children will be receiving home learning every Thursday which is due in the following Tuesday. Home learning will be linked to what pupils will be learning in Maths and English. As a school we are continuing to have a big push on children reading for pleasure. Part of our home learning expectations is that your children read every night at home for 20 minutes. We are also still running our Reading Rocket challenge and children can bring these books home or choose to read them in class. A full list of Reading Rocket texts are available on our website. Pupils knowledge of times tables and number bonds are vital for pupils to be able to be successful in mathematics therefore pupils who still struggle with these facts should be still practicing these on TTRS as an optional piece of home learning. As a school we will be continuing to follow Jane Considine's Spelling Book scheme. For further guidance on how to support your child's spelling please refer to the school website where you can find a wide range of spelling strategies.

Important Date:

- wc 1st March—KS2 test week
- Thursday 7th March—World Book Day
- wc 11th March— STEM Week
- Thursday 14th March— Year 5 open afternoon
- Friday 15th March—Red Nose Day
- Tuesday 19th March– Parents Evening (15:30– 19:30)
- Wednesday 20th March– Parents Evening (15:30– 17:30)
- Friday 22nd March– Year 5 Dance Festival
- Wednesday 27th March– PAWs Easter Disco
- Wednesday 27th March– Year 5 Handball competition (10 pupils)
- Thursday 28th March– Break-Up for Easter