

Waddesdon Village Primary School

Pathway to Excellence

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 2



English

The main focus will be linked to this term's class novel: *'Journey to the River Sea'* by Eva Ibbotson. This will inspire writing including a scene description and a journey story. We will continue to use 'sentence stacking' to build our skills in creating a variety of sentence structures, using a range of punctuation effectively and incorporating 'Boomtastics' (figurative language) for effect.

The novel will also support development of reading comprehension skills through drawing inferences about characters' actions and feelings as well as considering the difficulties the key characters face.

Additionally, we will have whole class reading sessions to explore vocabulary and purpose of texts before answering questions independently.

Our regular spelling sessions will include investigations, exploration of graphemes and activities to build understanding of patterns, rules and exceptions.

Science

Light

Class 6 will explore how light travels and use this to explain how we see things. They will look at the effect of light in relation to mirrors, shadows, and rainbows.



As a reminder, Class 6 homework will continue to be the SAT Buster books this term. Please see the Home Learning sheet for full details. Please encourage your children to ask me about any questions they are unsure of. Thank you for your continued support with this.

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Wild Water



Weekly schedule:

- Mon: Homework (SAT BUSTERS & Reading Records) due in
- Tues:
- Wed: Mrs Tennant all day incl. PE AM
- Thurs: PM Mrs Watkins & Exposure Sport (PE)

Mathematics

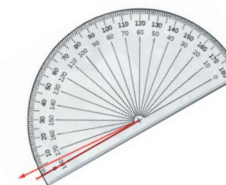
In addition to regular arithmetic practice, we will continue with exploring algebra by looking at expressions, equations and formula.

$$10 + x = 15$$

$$10 - 10 + x = 15 - 10$$

$$x = 15 - 10$$

$$x = 5$$



We will then move onto understanding and calculating area, perimeter and volume as well as learning how to use a protractor.

PE

In dance, balance, control, shape and form will be developed as well as linking a sequence of movements.

Tag rugby will further develop teamwork, ball control and spatial awareness as well as game strategy and tactics.

RE

Is Christianity still a strong religion 2000 years after Jesus was on Earth? (Christianity)



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Geography

Rainforests and the impact of deforestation.
 Rivers and the water cycle including a trip to the River & Rowing Museum in Henley-on-Thames

DT & Art

Rainforest art and Rainforest artists:

Don Francisco Montes Shuna (Peruvian Maestro Vegetalista) & Yolanda Panduro Baneo (His wife, an Artist) and John Dyer (UK) .

Music

Baroque and glockenspiels



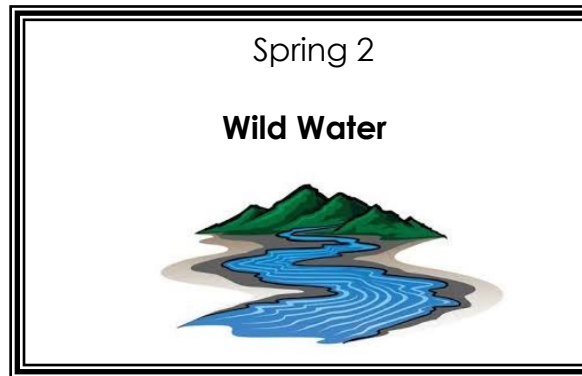
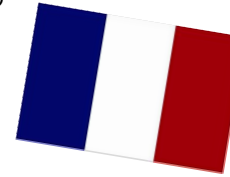
Computing

Looking at cyberbullying in online safety lessons.

Researching and presenting information about the Amazon Rainforest using the Keynote app.

MFL

Mr Mitchener will continue to teach class 6 how to talk in full sentences in French for everyday topics with a focus this term on transport.



PSHE

'Economic well-being'
 Developing awareness and understanding of finance.

As always, your support is vital and much appreciated. Please feel free to pop and see me after school, should you ever need to, or email questions via the school office.

How you can support your child at home:

Look at the weight and capacity of items in your kitchen cupboards to give children a real sense of what measures such as a litre or 500g are.

Show them how you read for pleasure and discuss the areas reading helps you each day.

Talk about the book they are currently reading as part of the Reading Rocket challenge.

Support as needed with the SAT Buster books and encourage your child to bring them back to school every Monday.

Remind them that they are doing brilliantly and learning more every day!

Important Dates:

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| Tues 27th Feb | River & Rowing Museum |
| Thurs 7th March | World Book day |
| 11th—15th March | British Science week |
| Wed 13th March | From 2:30pm—Parent open afternoon |
| Fri 15th March | Red Nose Day |
| 18th –21st March | Practice SATs |
| Tue 19th March | Parents' evening |
| Wed 20th March | Parents' evening |
| Wed 27th March | PAWS Disco |