



Waddesdon Village Primary School

Pathway to Excellence

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 2

Topic: Journeys

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a great half term break and are ready for another brilliant half term in Class 4 and to continue with the amazing progress made so far this year. I thoroughly enjoyed the residential trip to Woodrow High House and I hope you did too. It was clear that you all improved your resilience, your team working skills were developed and I really hope we can continue with this in Spring 2 and make Class 4 the best it can be. I am looking forward to this half term as we have lots of great things planned, including our singing performance, cooking club and forest school.
Mr Irwin

Weekly schedule

Monday Hand in homework & reading records
Wednesday PE (Exposure Sport) and Miss Ackerlay teaching in the afternoon
Friday PE

English

Our core class text this half term is 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' by Kate DiCamillo. We will be focusing on writing a narrative based on the wordless picture book 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. We will be focusing on using direct speech and a range of descriptive devices for an exciting narrative.

For reading comprehension, we will be reading our core text as a class for next half term 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo and answering a range of comprehension questions based on this. We 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.

Mathematics

To begin this half term, we will finish our unit on multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. We will then begin the unit on co-ordinates. Following this, we will move onto 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. 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 practice.

Computing

We will begin to explore 'Microbits' and how these can be used in games. Our other unit will be 'Hardware Investigators' using Purple Mash.

Science

This half term, we will be working like scientists and investigators. Throughout STEM week, we will be conducting multiple investigations designed to engage the children with science and the theme is "Curiosity... what's your question?"

PE

On Wednesday afternoons, PE lessons will be led by Exposure Sports learning about handball. On Friday afternoons, we will be learning about netball.

Music

For music, we will be practising our songs for the singing performance during open afternoon.



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<p><u>Art</u></p> <p>Our Art topic is printing which is linked to the natural environment.</p>	<p><u>MFL</u></p> <p>We will be following the Rigolo scheme of French work, which continues in Spring 2 with a unit called 'Ou vas-tu?'</p>
<p><u>RE</u></p> <p>This half term, the children will be returning to Christianity and recapping the Easter story. The unit will then have a focus on forgiveness.</p>	<p><u>Geography</u></p> <p>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.</p>
<p><u>PSHE</u></p> <p>The class will then continue to follow the Kapow scheme of work. The unit this half term is called "Citizenship".</p>	
<p><u>How you can support your child at home?</u></p> <p>Children will be receiving home learning which is due in on a Monday. Home learning will be linked to what the children are learning in Maths and English.</p> <p>As a school, we are continuing to have a big push on children reading for pleasure. To support this, please could you encourage your children to read every night. Rich texts can be accessed via our 'Rocket Reading Challenge'.</p> <p>Pupils will continue to have weekly times tables tests. Please could you help your children practise these and complete set tasks on 'Times Tables Rock Stars'.</p> <p>Pupils will have the Year 3 and 4 spelling list 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. They have been highlighted to show which words they need to work on.</p> <p>Your support is vital and much appreciated.</p> <p>Please feel free to arrange to see me or talk on the phone, should you ever need to, please email via the school office.</p> <p>Mr Irwin</p>	<p><u>Important Dates</u></p> <p><u>February</u> W/C Monday 23rd Assessment Week Friday 27th Multi skills event</p> <p><u>March</u> Thursday 5th World Book Day W/C Monday 9th STEM week Tuesday 10th Forest school trip Thursday 12th Open afternoon and singing performance Wednesday 18th Local area walk for geography Thursday 19th Easter disco Friday 20th Comic Relief Tuesday 24th Parents' evening Thursday 26th Parents' evening Friday 27th Last day of term</p>