



**Waddesdon Village Primary School**  
**Pathway to Excellence**  
**Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter**  
**Autumn 1**

**Topic: Burps & Bile**

*Hello and welcome back to Waddesdon Village Primary School. We are very excited to be back and to help your children settle back into school life. More information about this year can be found on the website on our class page in the 'Meet the teacher' document.*

I am very excited to get to know your children and teach them this year as my first class at Waddesdon Village Primary School. During the first few days, we will be settling into our new class, getting used to new routines and discussing the expectations as well as all the fun things we will be doing over this coming year. If there is anything that you wish to discuss, please feel free to contact me.

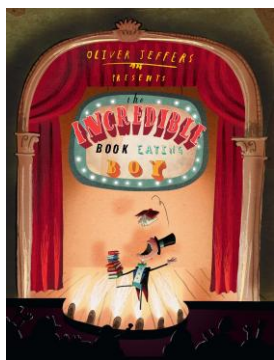
<b>Weekly schedule</b>	
Monday:	Hand in homework & reading records Library
Tuesday:	Swimming (departing at 9am)
Wednesday:	PE (Exposure Sport) and Mrs Saw teaching in the afternoon
Thursday:	Homework given out

**English**

Our core text this half term is a book called "The Incredible Book Eating Boy" by Oliver Jeffers.

This story has links to science, and the book design links to our art unit. We will also use the rich language to enable us to write successful humorous stories with interesting characters. We will continue to build upon our previous grammar and punctuation knowledge. As well as listening to and reading this text as a class, pupils will continue to take part in whole class reading.

Regular handwriting practice will take place to ensure legible, joined handwriting is developed and used in all subjects.



**Mathematics**

This half term, children will be building on their previous learning from year 3, as well as learning a range of new mathematical skills: place value, column addition and subtraction, how to approach more complex word problems and investigations. Throughout all maths units, the pupils will have the opportunity to practise their problem solving and reasoning skills, in familiar and unfamiliar contexts.

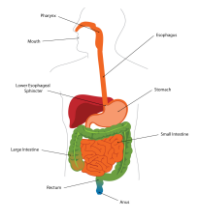
Towards the end of Year 4, the children will have a multiplication tables check up to 12 x 12. There are 25 questions and children have 6 seconds to answer each question. To practise, children can log on to Times Tables Rocks Stars each week at home.

**Computing**

This half term the children will look at coding using the Purple Mash programme on Logo. They will also focus on how to be "Internet secure".

**Science**

This half term, our science is particularly well linked to our Autumn theme 'Burps and Bile' as the children will be looking at the human digestive system, including the teeth. I hope to make this as hands on and interesting as possible.





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<p><b>PE</b>          On Tuesday mornings, we will be going swimming.          On Wednesday PE lessons, led by an Exposure Sports coach, the children will be exploring movement through Gymnastics.</p>	<p><b>Music</b>          The Kapow music scheme will be followed. This half term the children will be exploring body percussion linked to rainforests.</p>
<p><b>Art/DT</b>          This half term, the children will find out about different types of collage. We will then look at the artist Andy Warhol and his examples of collage. We then continue to explore his work after half term where they will have opportunities to sketch, paint and create a piece linked to his piece 'Vesuvius'.</p>	<p><b>MFL</b>          French will be taught by Mr Mitchener. He will be following the Rigolo scheme of French work, which starts in the Autumn term with a Unit called "Encore".</p>
<p><b>RE</b>          This half term, the children will be investigating Judaism beliefs and practises, with a particular focus on the special relationship that Jews believe they have with God.</p>	<p><b>Geography</b>          The class will find out about tsunamis, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes. We will begin by identifying mountain ranges and some of the highest peaks around the world, using world and continent maps. During the whole Autumn unit the children will investigate how different types of mountains are formed. In the second half of the Autumn term the focus will mostly be on volcanoes and earthquakes</p>
<p><b>PSHE</b>          This half term children will be continuing to learn about the Zones of Regulation to support their emotional wellbeing. In addition to this, children will be looking at the unit 'Setting Ground Rules' to support their transition to a new class.</p>	
<p><b>How you can support your child at home?</b>          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.          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'.          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'.          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. Your support is vital and much appreciated.          Please feel free to arrange to see me or talk on the phone, should you ever need to – please email via the school office. Mr Irwin</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Important Dates:</b></p> <p><b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b> Macmillan coffee morning, cake sale, muffin day</p> <p><b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b> Harvest food collection</p> <p><b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b> Photograph Day (individual and sibling)</p> <p><b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b> Year 4 Woodrow meeting 5pm</p> <p><b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b> Last day of half term</p>