



Waddesdon Village Primary School

Pathway to Excellence

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer 1

Topic: Invaders and Settlers

<p>I hope you all had a fantastic break and welcome back to another busy half term in Class 4. We have again planned many interesting activities 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 me.</p>	Weekly schedule Monday: Hand in homework & reading records Wednesday: PE (Exposure Sport) and Miss Ackerlay teaching in the afternoon Thursday PE - athletics
<p>Just a reminder following the uniform update, it is important we foster a sense of belonging and pride within our school community. Children need to be in the correct uniform as per the policy that has been sent out. If your child doesn't have the correct uniform, they will be given something from the 'spare uniform box'. I kindly ask that all uniform is labelled so we can return any missing items to the correct child. Thank you for your understanding and support.</p>	
English Our core class text this half term is looking at the epic story from Anglo-Saxon times. It is called Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo. It links to our history topic and this story will provide an opportunity to investigate a wide variety of the vocabulary involved in the topic. Our main focus for this text will be looking into enhancing our character descriptions by 'showing not telling'. The children will build upon their knowledge of punctuation and grammar from the autumn and spring terms. The class will take part in weekly whole class reading comprehension lessons linked to the text. During these sessions pupils will have the opportunity to discuss rich vocabulary and apply their comprehension skills.	Mathematics This half term, the children will focus on fractions and decimals. They will be investigating equivalent fractions, non-unit and unit fractions and begin to add and subtract with the same denominator. They will be looking at tenths and hundredths in decimal numbers and using their place value knowledge to order decimal numbers. As previously mentioned, the expectation is that children know all their tables up to 12X12 by the end of Year 4 and we will continue to focus on this alongside our fractions unit.
Computing We will be learning about artificial intelligence and how it can be used in a variety of different ways and to support a mixture of jobs.	Science The topic this half term is solids, liquids and gases. The children will be looking at the 3 different states of matter and investigate how materials change. We will particularly focus on the changing states of water and the water cycle, and the children will become familiar with the processes of evaporation and condensation.



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<p>PE On Wednesday afternoons, PE lessons will be led by Exposure Sports learning about volleyball. On Thursday afternoons, we will be learning about athletics in preparation for sports day.</p>	<p>Music We will be continuing with our 'Kapow' unit of work where we are composing our own pieces of music linked to the Vikings.</p>
<p>DT This half term we will be Anglo Saxon Cooking. We will also be starting our woodwork unit to create a Longboat.</p>	<p>MFL French will continue to be taught by Miss Ackerlay on Wednesday afternoons. She will be following the Rigolo scheme of French work, which continues in Summer 1 with a unit called "On Mange".</p>
<p>RE This half term the children will be looking at the religion of Judaism again, with a focus on "Passover". They will investigate Jewish food laws (Kashrut) and how this helps Jews show God they value their special relationship.</p>	<p>History: During the whole summer term, we will be finding out about invaders and settlers of the UK. We will use timelines to continue with the Roman work from Year 3 and the children will investigate the period of time through from the Roman decline to the Norman invasion with a focus on Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. During Summer 1 we will use maps to identify where Anglo-Saxons came from, research aspects of life and find out about the burial site of Sutton Hoo. Our English will link with the core text.</p>
<p>PSHE Part of our work this half term will follow the Kapow scheme of work. The unit this term is focusing on economic well-being.</p>	
<p>How you can support your child at home? 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. They have been highlighted to show which words they need to work on. 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>Important Dates: Thursday 16th April Inter house Tuesday 5th May Class photos Thursday 7th May Movie night Friday 8th May Additional PE Friday 22nd May Additional PE</p>