



**Waddesdon Village Primary School**  
**Pathway to Excellence**  
**Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter**  
**Autumn 2**



**Topic: Have you ever Wondered?**

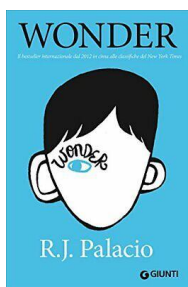
Hello and welcome back to Autumn 2. Our class novel and whole class reading lessons will help the children to deepen their comprehension and analysis skills further this term  
 Last term, several children challenged themselves by selecting books from our Reading Rocket challenge as their reading books —it's wonderful to see them reading books that are thought-provoking and inspiring.  
 If there is anything that you wish to discuss please feel free to contact me.

**Weekly schedule**

Monday:	PE Hand in homework & reading records
Wednesday:	Mrs Tennant teaching
Thursday:	PE (Exposure Sport) Homework given out

**English**

The main focus will be linked to this term's class novel:  
 'Wonder' by R J Palacio



As well as prompting discussion around the issues faced by the central character, the book will inspire narrative writing on the theme of characters overcoming obstacles.

When writing, we will develop skills to create purposeful, effective sentences which show a range of grammatical features and include rich, powerful yet relevant vocabulary, cohesive devices to link sentences and paragraphs as well as effective use of punctuation including hyphens, dashes, colons and semi-colons.

The novel will also support development of reading comprehension skills through drawing inferences about characters' actions and feelings as well as considering, in detail, the vocabulary choices made by the author.

**Mathematics**

The term will include fractions work: using highest common factors to simplify and lowest common multiples to order and compare. Adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing of fractions will also be explored. We will also be finding fractions of shapes and amounts.  
 Regular arithmetic practice will also feature this term along with the order of operations and finding the mean average.

**History**



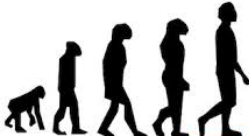
Throughout the term we will be discovering the fascinating Maya civilisation by learning about their buildings, gods, sacrifices, food, number system and calendar . This will allow for comparison with other historical eras and events as well as our lives today.





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<p><b>PE</b></p> <p>Netball will be taking place on Monday's and football on Thursday. This will help the class to develop skills to support other team members, learn from their team's previous performance and offer suggestions to improve.</p> 	<p><b>Music</b></p> <p>We will be exploring film music this half term and thinking about: Identifying how different styles of music contribute to the feel of a film. Using the terms 'major' and 'minor' and exploring how different instruments can evoke different emotions.</p>																						
 <p><b>Art/DT</b></p> <p>We will be completing our work on artist Paul Nash, before starting our Maya history work which will create inspired art pieces created using print.</p>	<p><b>RE</b></p> <p>Class 6 will consider Christianity and the question: 'Do Christian celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born?'</p>																						
<p><b>MFL</b></p> <p>Mr Mitchener will continue to teach class 6 how to talk in full sentences in French for everyday topics including likes, dislikes, hobbies, clothes, school and food.</p>	<p><b>PSHE</b></p> <p>This term's sequence of lessons about 'Citizenship' looks at education as a human right, environmental issues relating to food, the importance of caring for others and what prejudice and discrimination are, and why and how they should be challenged.</p>																						
<p><b>Computing</b></p> <p>Children will consider the impact technology has on their health, wellbeing &amp; lifestyle in the eSafety lessons. Additionally, they will be exploring 3D modelling using Tinkercad.</p>	<p><b>Science</b></p> <p><i>Evolution &amp; Inheritance</i> and <i>Living Things &amp; Habitats</i> will be our areas of focus. Considering how animals and plants adapt over time to survive and the evidence that supports this will inform our learning.</p> 																						
<p><b>How you can support your child at home?</b></p> <p>Show them how you read for pleasure and discuss the areas reading helps you with each day.</p> <p>Ask them to tell you about their reading book and discuss likes, dislikes and questions they have.</p> <p>Support as needed with this term's homework linked to multiplication, division and reading.</p> <p>Explore weights and capacity of household items such as flour, crisps, cheese, squash and milk.</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 - email via the school office.</p> <p>Mrs Smith</p>	<p align="center"><b>Important Dates:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov</td> <td>Open Afternoon for all parents to visit class 6 and attend Remembrance Assembly</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov</td> <td>Children in Need</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov</td> <td>Parents' evening</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov</td> <td>Parents' evening</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</td> <td>PAWs Christmas Muffin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</td> <td>Christmas Dinner</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec</td> <td>Mayan Workshop</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec</td> <td>PAWs Xmas Disco</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</td> <td>KS2 Xmas Party</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</td> <td>Last day of term</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td align="center">Christmas Break</td> </tr> </table>	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Open Afternoon for all parents to visit class 6 and attend Remembrance Assembly	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents' evening	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents' evening	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PAWs Christmas Muffin	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mayan Workshop	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PAWs Xmas Disco	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Xmas Party	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of term		Christmas Break
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