



Waddesdon Village Primary School

Pathway to Excellence

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 1

Topic: Have a Heart!

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year! I hope you all had a rested break and a wonderful Christmas. Mrs Tennent, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Paul, and I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the lovely Christmas gift. Your kindness is truly appreciated!

As a reminder, Class 6 homework will be the SAT Buster books this term. Please see the Home Learning sheet for full details.

As always, your support is vital and much appreciated. Please feel free to email any questions via the school office or see me after school on the playground.

Mrs Smith

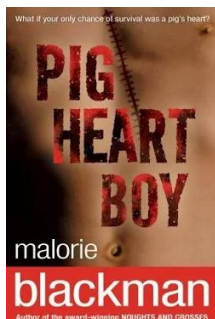
Weekly schedule

Monday:	Hand in SATs Busters & reading records
Wednesday:	Mrs Tennant teaching
Thursday:	PE (Gymnastics)
Friday:	PE (Handball)

English

The main focus will be linked to this term's class novel:

'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman.



This will inspire writing of persuasive letters. 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 a range of punctuation.

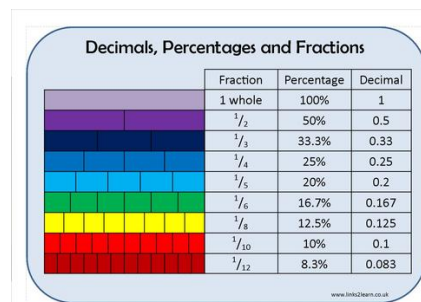
The novel will also support development of reading comprehension skills through drawing inferences about characters' actions and feelings as well as considering, the moral and social dilemma the family faces.

Mathematics

The class will learn about finding the 'mean' and explore questions relating to this.

Also, relationships between fractions, decimals and percentages will be examined along with how to convert from one to another.

Additionally, each week, we will practise word problem skills by completing SAT style questions.



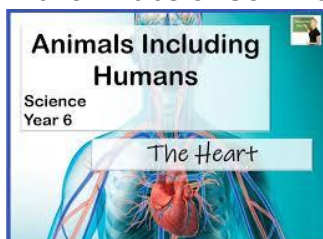
Computing

Children will further develop their coding skills through this term's DT unit. They will also look at spreadsheets.

Additionally, they will revisit online safety issues for Safer Internet Day in February and consider 'managing online information'.


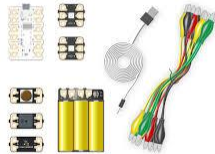

Science

This term's science links well to our novel as we will learn about the circulatory system and how to maintain a healthy lifestyle.





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<p>PE Gymnastics work will develop balance and agility skills. Handball will develop ball skills and teamwork.</p> 	 <p>Art/DT We will be completing our Maya prints and then children will create a park/fairground ride that can be operated via Crumble coding.</p>
<p>Music Whole class instrumental lesson: Music From India.</p>	<p>RE Class 6 will consider Christianity and the question: 'Is anything ever eternal?'</p>
 <p>PSHE 'Healthy Me' This sequence of lessons looks at looking after ourselves and links well with the term's science work. Food, alcohol, drugs, emotional & mental health, emergency aid and managing stress are the key areas discussed.</p>	<p>MFL We will continue to practise how to talk in full sentences in French for everyday topics including likes, dislikes, hobbies, school and food.</p> <p>Geography Maps, symbols and keys.</p>
<p>How you can support your child at home? Show them how you read for pleasure and discuss the areas reading helps you each day.</p> <p>Talk about the book they are currently reading as part of the Reading Rocket challenge.</p> <p>Support as needed with the SAT Buster books and encourage your child to bring them back to school every Monday.</p> <p>Times tables Rock Stars—encourage them to log on regularly at home.</p> <p>Discuss which spellings they found tricky this week in their writing and encourage them to try a range of strategies to help remember.</p> <p>Remind them that they are getting better and learning more every day!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Important Dates:</p> <p>Tuesday 6th January Children Return</p> <p>Wed 14th & Thurs 15th January Bikeability</p> <p>Tuesday 13th January Safer Internet Day</p> <p>Friday 13th February Break Up 3.20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Half Term</p>