



Waddesdon Village Primary School
Pathway to Excellence
Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter
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Topic: Born Free!

<p style="text-align: center;">Welcome to Class 3!</p> <p>I hope you have had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break and are looking forward to the coming half term.</p> <p>Our topic is 'Born Free!'. We have a range of learning opportunities planned for this half term to help develop your children's knowledge and understanding further.</p> <p>Please feel free to arrange to see me or talk to me over the phone if you have any queries. This can be done through the School Office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Miss Allen</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Weekly schedule</p> <p>Monday: Homework to be handed in. Times table practise</p> <p>Tuesday: Weekly swimming lessons at Aqua Vale. Afternoon learning will be covered by Mrs Patel and Exposure sports.</p> <p>Wednesday: Times table practise. Children will go to the library.</p> <p>Thursday: PE with Miss Allen (AM). Times Tables Test. Homework books to be handed out.</p> <p>Friday: Golden Time.</p>
<p>English</p> <p>Our core text this half term is 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo.</p> <p>This is a lovely book that will give children the opportunity to research and learn about wild animals and form their own opinions on whether animals should be kept in captivity. Independent writing opportunities include a non-chronological report and a letter.</p> <p>We will also continue with daily Whole-Class Reading sessions, which will support children in developing their inference and comprehension skills. The children will be exposed to a variety of literature, including poetry, classic literature and texts linking to wider curriculum topics.</p>	<p>Mathematics</p> <p>This half term, children will be learning the key skills of column addition and learning how to multiply and divide, with a particular focus on the links between 2's, 4's and 8's. Through a range of activities children will have the opportunity to practice their problem solving and reasoning skills.</p> <p>Throughout this half-term we will also have a focus times table each week which we will investigate and practice as a class.</p>
<p>Computing</p> <p>The children will be using Purple Mash this half-term to learn how to send and receive emails.</p> <p>The children will also receive Internet Safety lessons throughout the half-term.</p>	<p>Science - Animals, including Humans.</p> <p>This unit will allow children to understand that plants and animals obtain food in different ways. Children will be able to name different types of skeletons, name the main bones in the human body and explain how pairs of muscles work together to enable movement.</p>



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<p>PE The children will have weekly swimming lessons every Tuesday Morning at Aqua Vale.</p> <p>PE with Exposure Sport will be on Tuesday afternoon.</p> <p>Children will be learning the key skills of Dance and Tag Rugby.</p>	<p>Music This half-term the children will be learning about compositions, with a theme of mountains. The children will be composing and performing a rhythm to accompany a story.</p> <p>We will also be practising a selection of songs to perform in our Easter concert.</p>
<p>Art/DT The children will be investigating animal habitats and their features. We will also make use of the school pond to investigate this further.</p> <p>They will be designing and building their own bug hotel and evaluating its effectiveness.</p>	<p>MFL following the Rigolo scheme of French work, the topic this half term is 'Mon Corps'.</p>
<p>PSHE This half term children will be exploring 'Health and Wellbeing. Through discussion, circle time, drama and practical activities children will learn how to create a healthy lifestyle and building resilience.</p>	<p>RE This half term the children will have the opportunity to learn about miracles that Jesus performed and consider what miracles they would ask Jesus to perform in the World today.</p>
<p>How you can support your child at home? Enjoy reading to your child and listening to your child read. Discussing how reading helps you each day demonstrating your comprehension skills. Celebrate your child selecting a book from the Reading Rocket Challenge or one that is different from the type/author that they would usually pick. Look for rich vocabulary together in books and films then make a note of these words and try to use them in everyday conversations. Discuss which spellings they found tricky this week in their writing and encourage them to try a range of strategies to help remember. Discuss times table facts and encourage your child to regularly log onto Times Table Rockstars.</p>	<p>Geography This half term children will be studying our local area, as well as the United Kingdom. Children will be learning about the countries, counties and cities within the UK and will be learning about the geographical features of the UK.</p> <p>Important Dates: Tuesday 6th Jan – Children back at school – YEAR 3 START SWIMMING. Tuesday 10th Feb – Safer Internet Day Wednesday 11th Feb – Pupil parliament bake sale Friday 13th Feb – Break up for half term.</p>



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