




Waddesdon Village Primary School

Pathway to Excellence

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 1 2025

Topic: Rocks!

<p><i>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></p> <p>This term there will be a focus on reading, writing, maths and well-being as the children become familiar with school routines and settle into Key Stage 2.</p>	<h4>Weekly schedule</h4> <p>Monday: Homework to be handed in. 1. Times table practise Tuesday (PM): PE with Exposure Sport. Wednesday: 2. Times table practise. Children will go to the library. Thursday: PE with Miss Allen (AM). Times Tables Test. Homework books to be handed out. Friday: Golden Time.</p>
<p>English: Our core texts this half term are 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura and 'Ug' by Raymond Briggs.</p>  <p>We will be following a scheme called 'The Write Stuff' which will support children in forming exciting and interesting sentences. This work will help the children to form an independent piece of writing at the end of the half-term. As well as this, children will have exciting experience lessons where they will investigate what life was like in the Stone Age to inspire their writing.</p> <p>Children will have the opportunity to develop their comprehension skills through daily whole class reading sessions, as well as spelling sessions.</p>	<h4>Mathematics</h4> <p>This half term, children will be building and recapping on their previous knowledge from Year 2, as well as learning a range of new mathematical skills. They will deepen their level of understanding of number and place value before moving onto addition and subtraction. Through a range of activities, children will have the opportunity to practice their problem solving and reasoning skills.</p>
<h4>Computing</h4> <p>This half term the children will look at coding using the Purple Mash software. Children will learn what a code is, how to create coding and will share their coding with others, as well as reviewing the work of their peers.</p>	<h4>Science</h4> <p>This half term the children will be exploring 'Rocks and Soils'. This unit will allow children to describe rocks and compare their properties, as well as discover how soil is formed from rocks, and investigate the permeability of different soils.</p>



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<p>PE PE with Exposure Sport will be on Tuesday afternoon. Children will be learning key skills in Tag Rugby, including throwing and catching and the rules of the game.</p> <p>PE with myself will be on Thursday mornings. Children will be learning key skills in Gymnastics, including the movements and shapes needed to create a set piece.</p>	<p>Music This half term, children will be looking at ballads. The children will learn what ballads are, how to identify their features and how to convey different emotions when performing them.</p> <p>MFL French will be taught by Mr Mitchener on Thursday mornings. He will be following the Rigolo scheme of French work with a unit called 'Bonjour'.</p>
<p>Art/DT This half term the children will be creating Stone Age prints with the focus on cave paintings and their meanings. They will develop their artistic skills by learning a range of block printing techniques including designing and layering.</p>	<p>RE This half term the children will be learning about what happens during the festival of Diwali and whether the celebrations bring a sense of belonging to Hindus.</p>
<p>PSHE 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 and a new Key Stage.</p>	<p>History This term children will be introduced to the idea that people from other societies have been coming to settle in Britain for a long time. The focus is on the Stone Age - the earliest hunter-gatherers who came to Britain from Europe around 450,000 BC. Children will learn how these people settled and began farming the land. They will also research their lifestyle including clothing and food.</p>
<p>How you can support your child at home? Enjoy reading to your child and listening to your child read. Show them how you read for pleasure and discuss 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 and Numbots at home.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Important Dates:</p> <p>Monday 8th September— 'Meet the Teacher PPT' upload to the School Website Friday 26th September—Macmillan Coffee Morning, Muffi Day and Cake sale after school Wednesday 1st October—Black History Month Thursday 2nd October—National Poetry Day Friday 3rd October – School photos (individual and siblings) Friday 24th October – Break up for half term at 3.20pm</p>



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