



# Waddesdon Village Primary School

## Pathway to Excellence

### Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

#### Summer 1 2026

**Topic: Out of the shadows and into the light!**

### Welcome to Class 3!

I hope you have had a relaxing Easter break and are looking forward to the coming half term.

Our topic is '**Out of the shadows and into the light!**'. We have planned a variety of learning opportunities this half term to develop your child's knowledge and understanding further.

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.

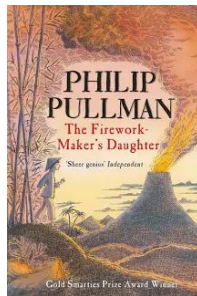
### Weekly schedule

- Monday:** Homework to be handed in. Times table practise
- Tuesday:** Afternoon learning will be covered by Miss Alice, Mrs Patel and Exposure sports.
- Wednesday:** Times table practise. Children will go to the library.
- Thursday:** PE in the morning. Times Tables Test. Homework books to be handed out.
- Friday:** Golden Time.



### English

Our core text this half term is 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman.



We will be focusing on the content and layout of a diary, through our sentence stacking lessons. The children will then independently write their own diary based on our core text.

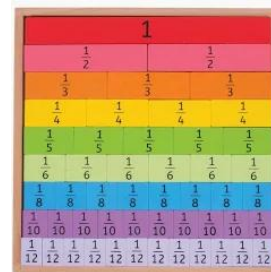
Children will also be writing their own poem linked to Rainforests.

Children will also develop their comprehension skills through daily whole class reading sessions. In addition to this, children will have spelling, grammar and handwriting sessions each week.

### Mathematics

The children will start by consolidating their understanding of column addition and subtraction.

We will be starting our fractions unit. Children will be able to recognise, find and write fractions of a set of objects using both unit and non-unit fractions. The children will learn how to add, subtract and compare fractions as well as find equivalent fractions.





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**Computing**

Children will be learning about branching databases and how to input data using the Purple Mash software. They will also be looking at Internet Safety and how to stay safe online.



**Science**

This half term, the children will be learning about Light and Shadow. This unit will allow children to learn about the sun and its features. They will then use this knowledge to think about how and why shadows are formed. Experiments will be conducted into length of shadows throughout the day and children will be able to explain why and when a shadow is shorter or longer.

**PE**

PE with Exposure Sport will be on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning.

Children will be developing their athletics and dance skills.



**Music**

This half term the children will be learning about composing melodies. This learning will be linked to India.

**MFL**

Following the Rigolo scheme of French work, we will be with a Unit called "La Famille."

la famille



**PSHE**

This half term children will be exploring 'Safety and the changing body'. Where children will explore how to be safe in an emergency, being safe and kind online, as well as keeping safe out and about.

**RE**

This half term the children will have the opportunity to learn about the different Gods that Hindu's worship. They will look at the Trimurti. They will also spend time learning how Hindu's worship their Gods at home and in their temple.

**Art/DT**

This half term the children will be learning how to make a Roman pouch. They will be designing and making their own pouch using various materials and developing their sewing skills. Children will look at the purpose of pouches during the Roman period.



**History**

The children will be learning about The Romans during the Summer term. Children will consider the effects of the invasion and settlement of the Romans on Britain. We will discuss how artefacts help us learn about the past. Children will be learning about what Romans did for fun and what was important to the Romans.





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#### 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.

#### Important Dates:

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April** – INSET day  
**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April** – Back to school  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April** – Interhouse afternoon  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank holiday  
**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May** – Class photos  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May** – PAWs Movie Night  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Break for half term  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** – INSET day  
**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – Back to school