



Waddesdon Village Primary School

Pathway to Excellence

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer 2

Topic: Habitats

<p>I hope you all had a fantastic break and welcome back to our final half term in Class 4. With our trip to Hill End, orienteering at Waddesdon Manor and sports day to look forward to, it should be a great end to a great year. If there is anything that you wish to discuss, please feel free to contact me.</p>	<p>Weekly schedule</p> <p>Monday: Hand in homework & reading records</p> <p>Tuesday PE (Cricket)</p> <p>Wednesday: PE (Exposure Sport) and Miss Ackerlay teaching in the afternoon</p>
<p>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.</p>	
<p>English</p> <p>We will be completing our unit from last half term about the water cycle before looking at the Poem 'The River' by Valerie Bloom. We will then write our own poems linked to this. Our core text this half term is "Holes" by Louis Sachar. We have chosen this text because it links well to our science topic of habitats, we will compare animals from the dry desert to our own wetter landscape and how they are adapted. We will read the book together in whole class guided reading and discuss the rich vocabulary. It will be useful to investigate language used and written in this classic novel from 1908. The Wildlife Trust has some video clips that we will be using to link to our science, particularly focusing on how humans impact the environment. We will build upon our previous grammar and punctuation knowledge to write a non-chronological report linked to these environments.</p>	<p>Mathematics</p> <p>As previously mentioned, the expectation is that children know all their tables up to 12 X 12 by the end of Year 4. The multiplication check will commence w/b 1st June. At some point within the 2 week window, your child will complete the check. We have been practising our times tables all year round in school and it would be greatly appreciated if you could continue this at home in preparation. This half term, we will be learning about symmetry in 2D shapes, time, division with remainders and statistics. We will also recap our fraction unit to embed learning.</p>
<p>Computing</p> <p>This half term we will be discussing the developments of AI and looking at animation. We will create our own Anglo-Saxon / Viking animations using our long boats.</p>	<p>Science</p> <p>This half term's topic is All Living Things. There will be a focus on Habitats. The children will be identifying, sorting and classifying plants and animals with the use of keys. We will get the opportunity to visit the school pond as part of our topic. Then they will investigate habitats of plants and animals.</p>



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<p>PE On Wednesday afternoons, PE lessons will be led by Exposure Sports learning about tennis. On Tuesday afternoons, we will be learning about cricket.</p>	<p>Music We will be continuing with our 'Kapow' unit of work where we will be developing our singing techniques based on Vikings.</p>
<p>DT This half term we will be Anglo Saxon Cooking. We will then be exploring the famous Bayeux Tapestry. We will look at Anglo-Saxon and Viking art and writing, before creating our own Tapestry.</p>	<p>MFL French will continue to be taught by Miss Ackerlay on Wednesday afternoons. She will be following the Rigolo scheme of French work, which continues in Summer 2 with a unit called "Le Cirque".</p>
<p>RE This half term the children will return to the religion of Christianity. This unit will focus on prayer and worship. The children will discuss and investigate the question - Do people need to go to church?"</p>	<p>History: This half term we will continue to find out about invaders and settlers of the UK. So far we have looked at timelines and investigated the decline of the Roman Empire. We then investigated why and how the Anglo-Saxons came to Britain and how they were converted to Christianity. We will then research the Viking invaders. We will use maps to identify where the Vikings came from and research aspects of life. We will also be going on our trip to Hill End to link to our history topic.</p>
<p>PSHE Our final unit is named "Safety and the Changing body". This will focus on internet safety, first aid, effects of smoking and how our body physically changes.</p>	
<p>How you can support your child at home? Children will be receiving home learning which is due in on a Monday. Home learning will be linked to what the children are learning in Maths and English. As a school, we are continuing to have a big push on children reading for pleasure. To support this, please could you encourage your children to read every night. Rich texts can be accessed via our 'Rocket Reading Challenge'. Pupils will continue to have weekly times tables tests. Please could you help your children practise these and complete set tasks on 'Times Tables Rock Stars'. Pupils will have the Year 3 and 4 spelling list in the front of homework books and the expectation is that children can spell these words, and use them in their writing by the end of the year. They have been highlighted to show which words they need to work on. Your support is vital and much appreciated. Please feel free to arrange to see me or talk on the phone, should</p>	<p>Important Dates: 2nd - 12th June MTC Saturday 13th June Colour run W/C Monday 15th June Assessment Week Monday 22nd June Open Classroom Tuesday 23rd June Hill End trip Thursday 2nd July Orienteering Friday 3rd July Sports Day Tuesday 7th July Transition Day Wednesday 22nd July End of Term (1pm finish)</p>



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