



Waddesdon Village Primary School
Pathway to Excellence
Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn 1



Topic: Where's Dad?

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 look forward to seeing you at the Residential and SATs meeting on Monday 21st September at 5:30 pm.

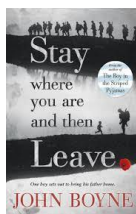
This term will see a focus on reading, writing and maths to ensure secure skills are in place to support learning throughout year 6. The class novel will act as a stimulus for discovering more about World War 1. If there is anything that you wish to discuss please feel free to contact me.

Weekly schedule

Monday:	PE Hand in homework & reading records
Wednesday:	Mrs Tennant teaching
Thursday:	PE (Exposure Sport) Homework given out
Friday	Library

English

The main focus will be linked to this term's class novel: '*Stay where you are and then Leave*' by John Boyne.



This will inspire composition of diary entries. Features of year 6 writing will be explored in more detail such as, passive voice; using appropriate layout devices; linking sentences and paragraphs with relevant words and phrases as well as writing for an audience.

The novel will also support development of reading comprehension skills through drawing inferences about characters' actions and feelings as well as considering, in detail, the vocabulary choices made by the author.

Regular handwriting practice will take place to ensure legible, joined handwriting is developed and used in all subjects.

Mathematics

In 'number and place value', children will be ordering and comparing numbers to 10,000,000 as well as rounding numbers. Children will apply their understanding of place value to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000.

Secure times tables recall underpins much of year 6 maths; there are 66 facts to remember and the children should be able to recall all of these. To keep knowledge of these facts fresh, children can log on to Times Tables Rocks Stars each week at home.

As the term progresses, reviewing formal written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division will be a key area of focus.

Computing

Issues relating to 'Online Reputation' will be explored in the eSafety unit.

Coding skills will be developed further by creating games that include a score pad and timer.

Application of skills will be seen through WW1 eBooks using the Book Creator app.

Science

The topic for this term's science is electricity. Year 6 will construct simple circuits and discuss potential reasons for successful and unsuccessful circuits. They will draw simple circuit diagrams using the appropriate symbols.



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Art/DT Artwork inspired by WW1 artist Paul Nash which will allow children to develop painting techniques and colour mixing. We will then start our 'Mend and Make Do' unit, where pupils are given a chance to be creative and up cycle an item,	RE Class 6 will consider the Islam Faith and consider the question: 'What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God?' 		
MFL This term's focus areas for children are to: • say what they do using the 1st person • say what they don't do using set phrases • say what other people do using il/elle • say what they like/dislike doing	PSHE We will be looking at My Healthy Self: we will be exploring how our choices today shape our future health? Geography Using the class novel as inspiration, class 6 will map the locations involved in WW1 with atlases, globes and digital maps to locate countries and towns.		
How you can support your child at home? • Show them how you read for pleasure and discuss how reading helps you each day. • Encourage children to present their homework neatly and to use legible, joined handwriting. • Celebrate your child selecting a book 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. Your support is vital and much appreciated. Please feel free to arrange to see me or talk on the phone, should you ever need to - email via the school office. Mrs Smith	Important Dates: <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> Tuesday 8th Sept Thursday 10th Sept Friday 18th Sept Monday 21st Sept Fri 25th Sept WB: 28th Sept Wed 30th Sept Friday 9th Oct Tuesday 13th Oct Thursday 15th Oct Friday 23rd Oct </td><td style="vertical-align: top;"> Practice Transfer tests (11+) Transfer tests (11+) House Captain Elections 5:30 pm - SATs and residential trip meeting Macmillan coffee morning Harvest food collection week Individual photographs Transfer test results Parent's Evening 3.30-6.30 Parent's Evening 3.30-5.30 Last day of term Half Term </td></tr> </table>	Tuesday 8th Sept Thursday 10th Sept Friday 18th Sept Monday 21st Sept Fri 25th Sept WB: 28th Sept Wed 30th Sept Friday 9th Oct Tuesday 13th Oct Thursday 15th Oct Friday 23rd Oct	Practice Transfer tests (11+) Transfer tests (11+) House Captain Elections 5:30 pm - SATs and residential trip meeting Macmillan coffee morning Harvest food collection week Individual photographs Transfer test results Parent's Evening 3.30-6.30 Parent's Evening 3.30-5.30 Last day of term Half Term
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