



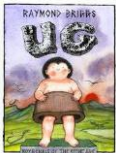
Waddesdon Village Primary School

Pathway to Excellence

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 1 2026

Topic: Rocks!

<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> 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.	Weekly schedule Monday: Homework to be handed in. 1. Times table practise Tuesday: PE with Exposure Sport (PM). Wednesday: 2. Times table practise. Thursday: Times Tables Test. Homework books to be handed out. Friday: PE with Exposure Sport (AM), Library.
English: Our core texts this half term are 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura and 'Ug' by Raymond Briggs.   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. Children will have the opportunity to develop their comprehension skills through daily whole class reading sessions, as well as spelling sessions.	Mathematics 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.
Computing 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.	Science 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.



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PE This half term, Class 3 will have PE on a Tuesday afternoon and on Friday morning. Both sessions will be taught by Exposure Sports. In our Dance unit, we will be focusing on responding to different stimuli and communicating mood and atmosphere through dynamics. In our Invasion Games unit, we will be focusing on the principles of attack and defence through ball games.	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. MFL We will be following the 'Rigolo' scheme of work in our French learning, beginning with Unit 1: Bonjour.
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.	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.
PSHE This half term, we will be focusing on 'My Healthy Self' and answering the question 'How can I take care of my mind and body?'. This will include describing how our minds and bodies are connected, describing physical factors which affect how people feel and recognising signs that someone needs help and trusted adults to seek support from.	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.
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.	Important Dates: Friday 25th September — Macmillan Coffee Morning, Mufti Day and Cake sale after school Monday 28th September – Harvest Food Collection for the Vineyard, Aylesbury (all week) Wednesday 30th September – Individual School Photos Wednesday 1st October — Black History Month & National Poetry Day Monday 12th October – Book Fair (all week) Tuesday 13th October – Parents' Evening 3:30-6:30pm Thursday 15th October – Parents Evening 3:30-5:30pm Friday 23rd October – Break up for half term at 3.20pm