Waddesdon Village Primary School
Pathway to Excellence
Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn 2 2026

Topic: May the force be with you!

Welcome to Class 3!	**Weekly schedule**
I hope you have had a good break and are looking forward to the coming half term. Our topic is '**May the force be with you!'**. We have planned a variety of learning opportunities this half term to develop your child's knowledge and understanding further. I have had the pleasure of teaching Class 3 last half-term and I am looking forward to continuing to teach them over the coming weeks. Please feel free to arrange to see me or talk to me over the phone if you have any queries. This can be done through the School Office. Mrs Pullinger	**Monday:** Homework to be handed in. Times table practise **Tuesday (PM):** PE with Exposure Sport. **Wednesday: 2.** Times table practise. **Thursday:** Times Tables Test. Homework books to be handed out. **Friday: (AM)** PE with Exposure Sport. Library.
English Our core text this half term is 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. This book will give children the opportunity to learn the features of instructions, which they will apply to writing their own set of instructions independently. In addition to this, children will explore a holiday brochure about the Prehistoric Skara Brae, which the children have enjoyed learning about. They will then write their own holiday brochure about a location of their choice. Children will have the opportunity to develop their comprehension skills through daily whole class reading sessions.	**Mathematics** This half term, we will continue developing our knowledge of place value up to 1,000. The children will then develop their understanding of angles and measure. Through a range of activities children will have the opportunity to practice their problem solving and reasoning skills, in familiar and unfamiliar contexts. We will also be looking at shape, space measure this half term, including working with different angles.
Computing Children will look at spreadsheets using the Purple Mash software. They will also be looking at Internet Safety and how to stay safe online.	**Science -** Forces and Magnets. Children will learn about forces in the context of pushing and pulling, and will identify different actions. There will be opportunities to conduct investigations into the strength of different types of magnets.

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PE
On a Tuesday, we will be continuing with our Dance unit of work.

On Fridays, we will move on to putting the principles of invasion games into practice in games of Netball.

Music
This half term the children will be learning about creating soundscapes and creating a composition in response to an animation.

MFL
In our French learning this half term, we will be following the Rigolo scheme unit "En Classe".

Art/DT
The children will be looking at the work of Antony Gormley and studying the sculptures that he has created. They will have the opportunity to make and develop their own sculptures through the medium of clay.

RE
This half term the children will be learning about the celebration of Christmas and what it means for Christians.

PSHE
This half term, we will be thinking about Connecting with Others in our PSHE lessons and discussing what makes us feel safe and included.

History
This half term children will continue to learn about the history of Britain between the Stone Age and Iron Age. We will mainly be focusing on the Bronze Age and Iron Age, but also drawing comparisons with the Stone Age. The children will learn how life developed over this period and how the changes made then are still evident today.

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:

Wednesday 11th Nov	Open Afternoon 2:30pm – 3:20pm
Wednesday 11th Nov	PAWs Disco 5.45pm
Friday 13th Nov	Children in Need
Friday 4th Dec	PAWs Christmas Mufti
Frisay 11th Dec	PAWs Winter Warmer 2pm start.
Tuesday 15th Dec	Christmas Dinner
Friday 18th Dec	KS2 Xmas Party
Friday 18th Dec	Last day of term

Christmas Break