



Waddesdon Village Primary School
Pathway to Excellence
Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter
Spring 2

Topic: Terrific Toys!



Welcome back to Class 1!

Welcome back!
 I hope you had a wonderful break this half term.

Our topic this term is 'Terrific Toys!'

We are going to be learning all about toys that people played with in the past and the ways that toys have changed.

Weekly schedules:

PE is on a Monday and a Friday. The children will need to come dressed for PE sessions in suitable clothing for the weather.

Library will be on a Tuesday.

Golden Time and Show and Tell is on a Friday.

Reading books will be changed on a Monday. Please bring in reading folders everyday.

English

Our key text in English this term is 'Lost in the Toy Museum' by David Lucas.



We will also be reading Old Bear by Jane Hissey, as well as some non-fiction books about toys in the past.

This term we will be continuing to develop our use of interesting and exciting vocabulary. We will be working on writing in complete simple sentences using: capital letters; finger spaces; conjunctions; and full stops, question marks and exclamation marks.



We will also explore the significance of the title of a book as well as drawing inferences and predictions about the text.

Mathematics

This term we continue with our addition and subtraction unit. This will include number bonds to 10 and developing fluency with addition and subtraction facts within 10. We will focus particularly on explaining what is happening when we add and subtract numbers.

We will also be looking at informal measurements and starting to investigate formal measures.

We will continue to develop our fluency and reasoning skills in all areas of maths.

Phonics



In year 1, we continue with the daily phonics lesson that the children began in reception, using the ELS phonics scheme.

This half term we will be beginning to learn the Phase 5 alternate graphemes and will be thinking about how we can use our phonics knowledge to decode unfamiliar words.



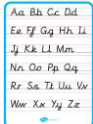
Humanities

This term our topic will be 'Toys.' We will be exploring the changes between the ages, identifying similarities and differences between different time periods. We will discuss how toys have changed within our parents and grandparents' lives and finally how technology has advanced.





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<p>Art/DT This term we will be experimenting with a variety of different materials and textures to create our own toys. We will explore selecting the most appropriate tools and equipment to help us to do this and communicate our designs through drawings and discussion.</p>	<p>Science This term we will be learning about 'Animals and Humans'. We will be identifying and naming a variety of common animals. We will explore carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We will also learn about the seasonal changes associated with Spring.</p>
<p>Computing  This term we will be exploring the Purple Mash units Lego Builders and Maze Explorers. In these units of work the children will have the opportunity to create and debug simple programs. As well as this, we will be exploring how people can present themselves in a positive way online.</p>	<p>PSHE Our theme for this term is 'Citizenship'. We will be looking at the rules that people follow and how our similarities and differences contribute to our society.</p> 
<p>Music We will be learning about how pitch and tempo are used to create music with the theme of 'Superheroes'.</p>	<p>RE This term we will be exploring Easter Celebrations. We will also be discussing the significance of the Easter Story and Palm Sunday to Christians.</p>
<p>PE In PE we will be starting to work on 'Send and Receive'. We will be focusing on using different throwing techniques to accurately send balls, beanbags and quoits where we want them.</p>	<p>Handwriting This half term, we will continue to practice the pre-cursive letter formation that we will need to be able to begin joined up writing in Year 2.</p> 
<p>How you can support your child at home? Reading: Children are encouraged to read as often as possible at home, preferably 15 minutes every day. This does not always have to be their reading book though. Listening to an adult read is also a valuable experience where they will hear a rich and varied vocabulary which will help develop their writing. We will change books weekly on a Monday. Unfortunately, if a book is not returned, your child will not receive a new one. Please write in their reading record when they have read so we know we can change the book. More information can be found in the Reading Record. Maths: Numbots is a great way for children to practise their addition and subtraction skills with a focus on number bonds. Your child's log in information can be found in their reading record book.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Important Dates</p> <p>4th March Class 1 & 4 Reading Breakfast 5th March Wold Book Day and Bring and Buy Book Sale 9th March STEM Week 10th March Open Classroom 14:30 – 15:20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Show and Tell Timetable</p> <p style="text-align: center;">27/2/26 – Hartwell 6/3/26 – Mentmore 13/3/26 – Ascott 20/3/26 – Claydon 27/3/26 – Hartwell</p>



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18 th March	Class 1 History Workshop	
19 th March	Easter Disco (PAWS)	
20 th March	Comic Relief	
24 th March	Parents' Evening 15:30 – 18:30	
26 th March	Parents' Evening 15:30 – 17:30	