



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

Topic: Into the Woods!



Welcome back Class 1!

I hope you had a fantastic summer break! This term we will be focusing on well-being and settling in to our new classroom and routines as well as reading, writing and maths. Our topic this term is 'Into the Woods!' I hope you are looking forward to a term full of exciting, creative and inspiring learning opportunities

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 core text this half term is *The Gruffalo* and we will be exploring this and other stories through Drawing Club.



In our writing, we will be concentrating on capital letters and full stops to ensure that we are using them correctly to write sentences.

We will also be focusing on our handwriting. For this half term we will continue to focus on letter formation in a print style before moving on to pre-cursive letter formation in Autumn 2.

In addition to this, children will have daily phonics lessons and weekly guided reading sessions.

Mathematics

This half term, we will be focusing on counting within 20 and on reading and writing numerals accurately. We will practice counting as high as 100 and recognising the patterns as we count.

Once we are secure in our reading and writing numbers to 10, we will move on to comparing parts of a whole and considering part-whole relationships

As the children's understanding of place value develops we will explore number bonds and will begin reading and writing mathematical statements.

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 focusing on reviewing the Phase 3 sounds and looking in more detail at the Phase 5 sounds.

Humanities

This half term, Year 1 focus on settling in to their new classroom and the routines of Key Stage 1. This means that we do not begin formal humanities work until after the half term break. However, we will be learning about woods and woodland habitats through our topic work.









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<p>Computing</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p>Children will have a variety of e-safety activities and then practice using the laptops to log in and create art.</p> </div>	<p>PSHE</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p>We will be discussing our feelings, identifying them and looking at how we can regulate our emotions.</p> </div>								
<p>Music</p> <p>We will be learning about finding and keeping the pulse in music this half term. We will use a variety of different clapping games and practice keeping in time with one another.</p>	<p>RE</p> <p>We will be exploring the question 'Does God want Christians to look after the world?' The children will have opportunities to discuss and share their ideas. As well as, exploring and retelling bible stories that discuss how and why we should look after our world.</p>								
<p>PE</p> <p>This half term we will be focusing on basic movement skills, control and accuracy. We will think about how we can use our bodies in different ways and how we can create shapes and movement.</p>	<p>Handwriting</p> <p>We will spend this term refining and perfecting our print handwriting, ensuring that all of our letters are formed correctly and on the line.</p> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: 8px; margin-top: 10px;"> Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz </div>								
<p>How you can support your child at home?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="width: 20%;">26th Sept</td><td>Macmillan coffee morning</td></tr> <tr><td>29th Sept</td><td>Harvest food collection week</td></tr> <tr><td>3rd Oct</td><td>Individual photographs</td></tr> <tr><td>24th Oct</td><td>Last day of term</td></tr> </table>	26th Sept	Macmillan coffee morning	29th Sept	Harvest food collection week	3rd Oct	Individual photographs	24th Oct	Last day of term	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> <p>Show and Tell Timetable</p> <p style="color: green;">12/9/25 – Hartwell</p> <p style="color: orange;">19/9/25 – Mentmore</p> <p style="color: red;">26/9/25 – Ascott</p> <p style="color: blue;">3/10/25 – Claydon</p> <p style="color: green;">10/10/25 – Hartwell</p> <p style="color: orange;">17/10/25 – Mentmore</p> <p style="color: red;">24/10/25 – Ascott</p> </div>
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