



**Waddesdon Village Primary School**  
**Pathway to Excellence**  
**Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter**  
**Autumn 1 2022**



**English**

We will begin the term looking at the book 'Meerkat Mail'. This will link with our work in Geography. We will write postcards and link to our



work in Computing researching and creating a fact file. The work we do on the books we study this term will also link with our Geography topic. We will be improving our writing using joining words: because, when, if, that....; using interesting sentence starters and the correct punctuation.

In addition to this, children will continue to have daily phonics/spelling lessons. We will also have regular handwriting and reading sessions.

**Science**

This term our topic is 'Every Day Materials'. We will be identifying and comparing the suitability of a variety of everyday materials for different uses.



**Welcome back Class 2!**

I hope you had a fantastic summer break!

Our topic this term is 'Wish you were here! We will be learning about continents If you have any postcards or photographs of places you have visited around the world including the UK, please bring them in for us to look at as this will enhance our learning.

The theme for Autumn 1 is:



**Weekly schedules:**

**PE is on a Thursday and Friday.** The children will need to come dressed for outdoor PE sessions.

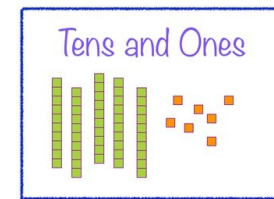
**Library is on a Wednesday.**

**Golden Time and Show and Tell is on a Friday.**

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

**Mathematics**

Children initially will recap some principles of the topics covered in year 1. This includes recapping areas like number bonds to 10, representing numbers and partitioning them. They will secure and deepen their level of understanding of number and place value then move onto addition and subtraction calculations. This will initially be adding single digit numbers to two digit numbers.



**PE**



This term we will be focussing on hockey: how to hold the hockey stick and controlling the ball, passing and dribbling.. This will lead up to playing small matches .

**RE**

We are learning to re-tell Bible stories that show kindness, and to explore the question 'Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?'





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### Geography

We will be building on the work done in year 1 on countries in the UK and developing knowledge of the world identifying the continents. This topic will link in with the work we do in English. We will be learning about adventurers and explorers of today and in the past. We will be using atlases, maps and Google Earth to explore the world.



### DT

The children will be making a vehicle that will travel across a particular terrain.

### Music

We will be learning a traditional Ghanaian call and response song, recognising simple notation and composing animal-based call and response rhythms.

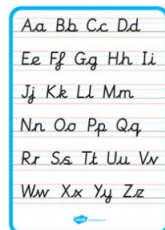
### Computing

Children will have a variety of e-safety activities and then learn about how to safely communicate and search online.



### Handwriting

We will continue to practise our cursive handwriting style. It is important that children form their letters correctly before they can join correctly. Please practise correct formation at home.



### Phonics and Spelling

This term we will recap on the Phase 5 sounds looked at last year. We will focus on the long and short vowel sounds in words to help us start to learn spelling patterns. Spelling practise will take place daily.



The theme for Autumn 1 is:



### Important Dates:

Wed 14th Sept Meet the teacher: 5pm  
 Fri 30th Sept Macmillan Coffee Morning  
 Friday 7th Oct Harvest food collection  
 Thurs 20th Oct Individual photographs  
 Friday 21st Oct Last day of term

### Show and Tell Timetable

09/09/22 – Hartwell  
 16/09/22 – Mentmore  
 23/09/22 – Ascott  
 30/09/22 – Claydon  
 07/10/22 – Hartwell  
 14/10/22 – Mentmore  
 21/10/22 – Ascott

### 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. Reading and phonics will be discussed at the meet the teacher evening on Wed 14th Sept at 5pm.

**Book Club:** Books will be updated on a Friday.

**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.

### PSHE

We will be discussing our feelings about the year ahead, looking at our rights and responsibilities in class and how we can work well with others.



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. Miss Cross