



Waddesdon Village Primary School

Pathway to Excellence

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

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English

We will learn about the Story of George and the Dragon after we have used our reading skills of retrieving, predicting, sequencing, inferencing and awareness of vocabulary exploring the famous painting in the National Gallery.



Our other key texts in English this term are 'Dare to care: Pet Dragon' by MP Robertson and 'The Queen's Hat' by Steve Antony. We will also read other books linked to our topic including 'Zog' by Julia Donaldson. This term we will be continuing to develop our use of interesting and exciting vocabulary. We will be working on writing in complete sentences to describe characters and settings. We will be exploring using adverbs and adjectives to make our writing more exciting and using 'and' to link ideas and to extend our sentences.

In addition to this, children will have daily phonics and handwriting sessions.

Science

This term our focus will be 'Plants'. We will be developing our ability to observe closely using simple equipment and conducting simple tests. We will also identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants. As well as identifying and naming a variety of wild and garden plants.



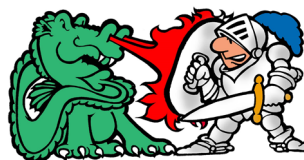
Welcome back!

I hope you had a fantastic Easter break!

Our topic this term is 'Castles and Dragons' We are looking forward to a term full of exciting, creative and inspiring learning opportunities.

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Castles and Dragons



Weekly schedules:

PE is on a Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on both days this term.

We will visit the library on a Thursday.

**Books will be changed on a Monday .
Don't forget to bring your folders in every-day.**

Mathematics

This term we will be focusing on place value for numbers up to 20, we will be continuing to look at how many tens and ones in a number as well as comparing and ordering 2 digit numbers. We will then move onto adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers. Money will then be our last topic of this half term.

PE

In PE our focus this term will be gymnastics. We will be focusing on our movement skills and on moving our bodies with control. We will also look at different shapes we can make with our bodies and at balancing.



RE

This term we will be exploring the Jewish celebration 'Shabbat'. We will discuss what this means to a Jew and explore traditions and celebrations around Shabbat.





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History

We will find out about different castles. This is a photograph of the ruins of Berkhamstead Castle (a motte and bailey) that you might like to visit. If you have visited any castles we would love to see photos so please send them in! We will be exploring the structure of a motte and bailey castle, the roles inside a castle and the types of people who lived there. We are also going to be learning about features of a castle. This term we will also learn about the Battle of Hastings and historical kings and queens.



Art

This term we will be using a variety of different materials to explore gargoyles and to sculpt our own using recycled materials.

Music

We will be focusing on musical vocabulary using the theme of 'Under the Sea' this half term.

Computing

This term we will be working on coding. We will be using block coding programs to create simple algorithms for a purpose. We will also be exploring health and wellbeing in our online safety sessions.

Phonics

This term we will be continuing with our phonics scheme. We will be working on using the alternative graphemes that we have been learning and revising all of the graphemes that we have learned.

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Other spellings									
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Important Dates

- Monday 6th May** - Bank Holiday
- Wednesday 8th May** - Cricket Festival
- Friday 10th May** - Class Photos

Show and Tell Timetable

- 19/4/24** – Claydon
- 26/4/24** – Hartwell
- 3/5/24** – Mentmore
- 10/5/24** – Ascott
- 17/5/24** – Claydon
- 24/5/24** – Hartwell

How you can support your child at home:

Reading:

Please encourage your child to take part in the reading rocket challenge!



Children are encouraged to read as often as possible at home, preferably ten minutes every day. This does not always have to be their reading book though. Listening to an adult read is also a valuable experience. Here they will hear a rich and varied vocabulary which will help develop their writing.

Thank you for continuing to support your child's reading comprehension by reading their book 4 times.

Their reading records are monitored on a regular basis and with a focus on comprehension skills. Reading books will continue to be changed on a Monday but only if the reading record has been signed to say that the book has been read at home over the week.

Maths:

Practise number skills by logging on to Numbots weekly.

PSHE

Our theme for this term is 'Citizenship'. We will be learning about similarities and differences between people and about different rules that we follow in our society.

