



Waddesdon Village Primary School

Pathway to Excellence

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter Spring Two 2023



English

Our book this term is 'Lost in the Toy Museum' by David Lucas. We will also be reading 'Little Teddy Left Behind' by Anne Mangan, 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 a variety of different punctuation marks. Such as 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.

In addition to this, children will have daily phonics lessons. We will also have regular handwriting sessions.

Science

This term we will continue our learning about 'Animals and Humans'. We will be identifying and naming a variety of common animals. We will also look at the seasonal changes of Spring.

We will also link our work to the theme of 'Connections for British Science week 13-20 March.

Welcome back!

I hope you had a lovely half term break.

Our topic this term is 'Terrific Toys!'

We would love to have visitors in to talk about toys they used to play with so please let me know if any parents, carers and grandparents would be happy to come in and talk to us.

Spring 2 'Terrific Toys!'



Weekly schedules:

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

Reading books will be swapped on a Monday.

We will visit the library on a Tuesday

Miss Stainer will teach the class on a Friday along with Exposure Sport in the afternoon.

Mathematics

This term we continue with our addition and subtraction unit. This includes number bonds to 10. We will be exploring the place value of numbers to 10 and beyond. This will include counting in multiples of 1, 2, 5 and 10.

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

PE

Through movement and creativity, the children will first explore the theme of toys and then look at body parts, growing up and staying healthy. The children will also be taking part in multi skills activities each week.

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.

PSHE

Our theme for this term is 'Healthy Me'. As a class we will explore what being 'healthy' means and how we can make sure we keep our bodies and minds healthy.



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DT & Art

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.

History

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.



Music

Classical music, dynamics and tempo

Children will use their bodies and instruments to listen and respond to pieces of classical music that represent animals.



Computing

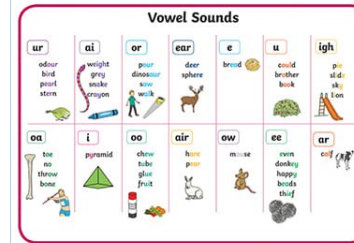
This term we will be learning how to create our own animated story books using Purple Mash.

As well as this, we will be exploring how to keep ourselves safe when accessing the internet.

Phonics

We will continue with our new phonics scheme and the children will have daily phonics lessons

This term we will be continuing to explore alternative sounds as well as exploring and blending nonsense words.



Spring 2: 'Terrific Toys!'



Important Dates:

28th Feb– KS1 2pm Dad's afternoon
 2nd March—World Book Day
 7th March - KS1 Open afternoon
 21st and 22nd March—Parents evening
 31st March—End of term

Show and Tell Timetable

24/2/23 – Hartwell
 3/3/23 – Mentmore
 10/3/23 – Ascott
 17/3/23 – Claydon
 24/3/23 – Hartwell
 31/3/23 – Mentmore

How you can support your child at home:

Phonics:

Please practise segmenting and blending both real and nonsense words at home with your child with games such as buried treasure on phonics play (you can access this for free and the link is on our class page).

You can find other downloadable resources on the C1 page on the website.

Spelling

We will send home the year 1 common exception words that the children have been learning to read and spell at school. Any opportunity you get to practise these at home with your child would really help to support what we are doing in the classroom. Focus on the reading of the words and then progress to spelling them.

Reading:

Children are encouraged to read as often as possible at home, preferably ten minutes every day. The new phonics scheme recommends reading the book 4 times a week.

Please practise reading fluently by re-reading the book they have. This will also help with reading for meaning and understanding of what they have read.

Please sign and write a comment in their reading record letting us know what you have done e.g. read a book from home/the library, read instructions to a game/recipe or a comic/magazine, listened to stories on CDs or parents read at bedtime.