



# Waddesdon Village Primary School

## Pathway to Excellence

### Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

#### Summer One 2023



### 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 non-fiction texts including 'Look Inside a Castle' by Conrad Mason but we will be reading stories too, including Zog by Julia Donaldson, and 'Dare to care: Pet Dragon' by MP Robertson. 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 also be exploring the structure of non-fiction writing and creating our own fact-files about castles.

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 'Dragons and Knights' We are looking forward to a term full of exciting, creative and inspiring learning opportunities.

### Summer One Dragons and Knights



### 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 Tuesday.**

**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, 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 multi-skills. We will be continuing to develop and master basic movement skills. Including running, jumping, throwing and catching.



### 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 medieval rulers.



### DT & Art

This term as part of our topic we are going to be designing and building our own castle structures using a design criteria. We will use a variety of practical tools to cut, shape, join and finish our structure. We will also consider how to make our structure strong and stable.

### Music

We will be focusing on timbre and rhythmic patterns through fairy tales. We will also be singing, learning a song for the Coronation.

### Computing

This term we will be working on spreadsheets. Children will be introduced to spreadsheets in Purple Mash and learn how to add images to cells. As well as this, we will be exploring how to keep ourselves safe when accessing the internet.

### Phonics

This term we will be continuing with our phonics scheme. We will be working on exploring alternative pronunciations of sounds and spellings and focus on segmenting and blending nonsense words.

ai	air	ee	er	igh	oa	oo	or	ou	oy
ay	ear	ea	ur	ie	o-e	u-e	au	ow	ot
a-e	are	ey	ir	i-e	ow	ew	aw		
ey	ere	ie	or	y	oe	ue	ore		
					oh		our		
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Other spellings									
ure	wh	ph							

## Summer One: Dragons and Knights



### Important Dates

**Monday 1st May** - Bank Holiday  
**Monday 8th May**— Coronation bank holiday  
**Tuesday 16th May**—proposed trip to Warwick castle

### Show and Tell Timetable

**21/4/23**– Ascott  
**28/4/23**– Claydon  
**5/5/23**– Hartwell  
**12/5/23** – Mentmore  
**19/5/23** – Ascott  
**26/5/23** – Claydon

### 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. The phonics scheme suggests reading the phonics book 4 times a week.

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. 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.

#### Maths:

**Practise number skills by logging on to Numbots weekly.**



### PSHE

Our theme for this term is 'Relationships'. We will be discussing and identifying members of the family as well as identifying and discussing the characteristics of a good friend.

