



Waddesdon Village Primary School

Pathway to Excellence

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer 1 2023

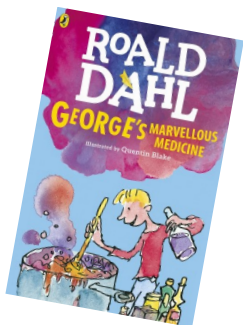


English

As part of our topic, we will look at many different books written by Roald Dahl but our core text in English will be 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. Roald Dahl uses great vocabulary in his books so we will be looking at the kind of language he used and how imagination is such an important tool when writing his stories for children. Our writing will include a character description and instructions.

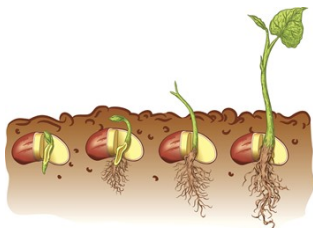
In addition to this, children will continue to have regular spelling lessons and reading sessions.

We will also have regular handwriting sessions where we will begin to join some letters in words.



Science

We will identify what plants need to grow well and look at how plants grow in certain environments. We will be conducting experiments as to what conditions seeds need in order to thrive and grow.



Class 2 will be learning about Roald Dahl this term. At the end of the term we will be visiting The Roald Dahl Children's Gallery in Aylesbury.

As he lived close by, you can also visit: The Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre in Great Missenden. Here you will see his writing hut that we will learn about and places in Great Missenden that inspired things in his books. It is well worth a visit.



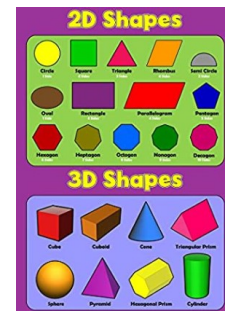
Weekly schedules:
Swimming is on a Tuesday. PE is on a Friday.
Golden Time is on a Friday.
Library is on a Wednesday.
Reading books will be collected in on a Friday and new books given on a Monday.

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

Mathematics

In Mathematics this half term, we will be recapping on adding and subtracting two digit numbers and finding fractions of shapes and amounts, building on work from last term looking at $1/2$, $1/4$, $1/3$ to looking at $2/4$ and $3/4$.

We will also be recapping the similarities and differences between 2D and 3D shapes and identifying their properties. We will be learning how to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes. Any practise of telling the time at home would be very beneficial to your child's progress. Telling the time is something we should be practising and referring to daily.



PE

This term Class 2 will be starting their swimming lessons on a Tuesday morning. During Friday's PE lessons the children will be developing their tennis skills.



RE

We will be learning to understand the special relationship between Jews and God and the promises they make to each other.



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History

This half term we will be looking at the life of one of Britain's most famous children's authors, Roald Dahl. We will look at how a young Roald lived his life, and compare it to our lives as children today.



Spelling

We will continue to learn about spelling rules when adding -ing, -ed, -er, -est, -y, -ful, -ness and -ly. We will also continue to practise spelling the year 1 and 2 common exception words and learn about homophones.



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. It's great that they are reading for pleasure at home but please also read the book that gets sent home from the reading scheme as it is particularly chosen to focus on a specific skill your child needs to practise or is a good book to develop their comprehension skills.

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 don't forget to sign and write a comment in their reading record letting us know what you have read. We will not swap a book if it has not been read at home.

Spelling:

It would be beneficial to practise spelling year 1 and 2 common exception words at home, The list is in your child's reading folder.

Maths:

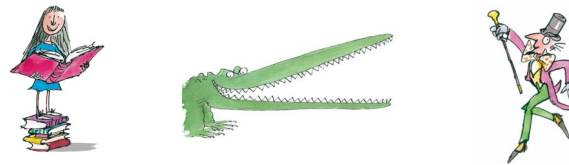
You will be able to learn times tables at home with **Times Tables Rockstars**. A letter will be sent home on Friday. In year 2 your child will be practising the 10, 2 and 5 times tables as well as corresponding divisions. You can still also use **Numbots** at home.



D.T.

Children will explore a range of puppets and investigate how they are made. We will make our own hand puppets.

Summer 1: Roald Dahl



Important Dates:

5th May - King's Coronation event 2:30pm

16th May - Class Photos

22nd May - Trip to the Roald Dahl Gallery

Music

The children will learn to sing a song and to play it using tuned percussion. We will also be learning a song for the King's Coronation and the National Anthem.

Computing - Coding

This term the children will be learning about algorithms, creating simple programmes and debugging.

PSHE - Economic Wellbeing

We will be learning about where money comes from, how to look after money and why we use banks and building societies.

