



Waddesdon Village Primary School

Pathway to Excellence

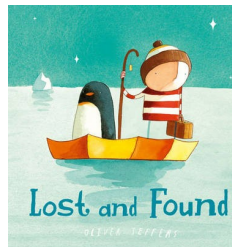
Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring One 2023



English

Our key text in English this term is 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers.



This term we will be developing our ability to write in complete simple sentences using capital letters, interesting vocabulary and full stops. We will also explore exclamation and question marks in our writing. Initially we will focus on instructional writing and developing our use of vocabulary will be our focus. We will then progress onto composing a narrative piece of writing. We will continue to develop our story telling skills by orally retelling and story mapping the text. Then finally composing our own versions of the story.

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

Science

This term we will be learning about 'Animals and Humans'. We will be identifying and naming a variety of common animals.

We will explore carnivores, herbivores and omnivores, as well as conducting experiments to test which materials are most suitable for cold weather.

Welcome back!

I hope you had a fantastic Christmas break and feel recharged for the New Year. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for the cards and generous gifts.

Our topic this term is 'Polar Explorers.' I hope you are looking forward to a term full of exciting, creative and inspiring learning opportunities.

Spring 1 'Polar Explorers!'



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.

Mathematics

We will continue to follow our NCETM Mastery scheme and the children will be continuing the work on place value, addition and subtraction and shape. As well as focusing on our number bonds to 10.

We will be looking at how a 'whole' can be split into parts. For example 5 can be made of 3 and 2.

We will be look at partitioning numbers and investigating odd and even numbers.

PE

In PE we will be developing basic movement skills through dance. The children will focus on control and coordination when travelling and remaining still; and moving to the beat in time to the music.

RE

This term we will be exploring the concept of Jesus as a friend. The children will have time to discuss and share their ideas in a safe and supportive environment.



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Topic: Geography, DT & Art

This term we will be experimenting with a variety of different materials to design and make a boat for our own arctic adventure.

The children will have time to experiment with different materials to identify which would be most suitable for a boat.

We will experiment with the use of colour, pattern, texture and shape during this unit of work creating our own versions of Katsushika Hokusai's wave art work.



We will learn about the continents and focus in particular on the Polar regions.

Phonics

The children will receive daily phonics sessions.

This term we will be continuing with our ELS scheme. As well as learning alternative sounds, we will be continually reviewing sounds that we have already learnt.

Spring 1: 'Polar Explorers!'



Music

This term we will be learning about Classical music, dynamics and tempo with the theme of 'Animals' which will link to our science topic.

Computing

This term we will be exploring the Purple Mash units Lego Builders and Maze Explorers. In these units of work the children will have the opportunity to create and debug simple programs. As well as this, we will be exploring how to keep ourselves safe when accessing the internet.

Show and Tell Timetable

6/1/23- Ascott
13/1/23- Claydon
20/1/23- Hartwell
27/1/23- Mentmore
3/2/23 -Ascott
10/2/23-Claydon

How you can support your child at home:

Reading:

Please encourage your child to take part in our exciting 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 your support with our new scheme. Just a reminder, **the reading book with the owl sticker should be read 4 times a week.** 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.

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,



PSHE

Our theme for this term is 'Dreams and Goals'. As a class we will explore and discuss our dreams and goals and set ourselves challenges to work towards.