



Waddesdon Village Primary School

Pathway to Excellence

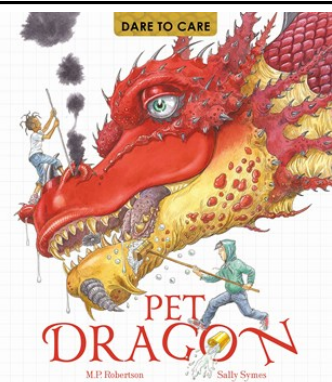
Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

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English

We will start off looking at 'Dare to care: Pet Dragon' by MP Robertson and then Zog by Julia Donaldson. This term we will be continuing to develop our use of interesting and exciting vocabulary.



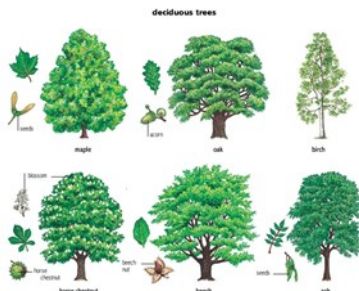
We will be practicing using word endings such as -ed and -ing as well as continuing to focus on capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.

We are going to be using our new knowledge about castles to write an information text this half term, thinking about the features of non-fiction writing and how we can organise our ideas under a heading.

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

Science

This half term we will be thinking about where our food comes from. We will be linking our learning about plants to investigations about different edible plants.



Welcome back!

I hope you had a fantastic half term.

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

Summer Two

'Kings and Queens!'



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 Thursday.

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

Mathematics

This term we will begin to work on fractions finding halves of shapes, amounts or objects. We will also be looking at recognising and finding a quarter of a shape, object or amount. In particular, we will be focusing on our use of mathematical vocabulary with fractions, ready for more detailed work in Year 2.

We will then move on to focusing on position and direction, including whole, half and three quarter turns. We will practice using positional vocabulary such as left, right and middle.

The children will also learn to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour as well as drawing the hands on a clock face to show these times.



PE

In PE our focus this term will be on Games and multi skills, getting us ready for sports day!



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History

This term our topic is 'Kings and Queens'. We will be learning about the lives of Queen Victoria and Elizabeth I and their contributions and achievements as part of British history. We will also be learning more about Queen Elizabeth II.

We will also learn about Edward the Confessor, King Harold and William, as we start to look at The Battle of Hastings.



Geography

We will learn more about the UK looking at maps. We will be identifying where in the country there are significant castles, including Warwick Castle!

Music

This term we have a 'By the Sea' theme. The children will understand how music can represent changes in an environment, select instruments to match seaside sounds, recognise and use dynamics and tempo when listening to and performing a song.

Computing

This term we will be working on 'animated story books' and considering how we can use technology to bring our learning to life.

Phonics

The children will receive daily phonics sessions this year. After the phonics screening test we will be continuing with our phonics program and will continue to explore alternative pronunciations of sounds and spellings.

Summer Two: 'Kings and Queens!'



Important Dates

Friday 28th June - Summer Fete
 Tuesday 2nd July - Transition Day
 Friday 5th July - Sports Day
 Tuesday 23rd July - End of term: 1pm finish

Show and Tell Timetable

7/6/24 – Mentmore
 14/6/24 – Ascott
 21/6/24 – Claydon
 28/6/24 – no show and tell
 5/7/24 – Hartwell
 12/7/24 – Mentmore
 19/7/24 – Ascott

How you can support your child at home:

Reading

Please continue to encourage your child to take part in the reading rocket challenge! It's lovely to see so many more children reading these books.

Children are encouraged to read as often as possible at home, preferably ten minutes every day. Please sign and write a comment in their reading record letting us know what you have done.

Maths

Practise number skills by logging on to Numbots weekly.



RE

Chanukkah—The Jewish festival of light

PSHE

Our theme for this term is 'Safety and the Changing Body' and we will be thinking about how we can keep ourselves safe and the adults who help to keep us safe.