



**Waddesdon Village Primary School**  
**Pathway to Excellence**  
**Year R Curriculum Newsletter**  
**Summer 1 2022**

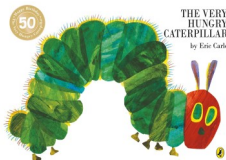
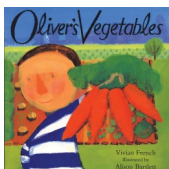


**English**

We will be beginning Phase 4 in Phonics this half term which focuses more on sentence writing. We will be developing our understanding of stories through learning and re-telling. We will also be developing reading strategies by looking at decoding unfamiliar words, longer words and using our reading to develop discussions about what we have read.

Our key books this term will be:

- **Oliver's Vegetables**
- **The Very Hungry Caterpillar**



**Physical Development**

We will be developing our handwriting, where we focus on practicing letter formation. In P.E. sessions our focus will be athletic skills and activities. We will also be discussing what are healthy foods with a particular focus on oral hygiene. We will continue to have access to physical development opportunities through our play, such as the bikes and large construction.

**General Introduction:**

I hope you all had a lovely Easter and are excited for the summer term. We will be starting a new phonics scheme this term, there will be some changes in how we send home reading books. A letter to explain this in full will be coming home this week. Each child will be given a reading folder, the books in these will be changed once a week on a Tuesday. Please continue to send this in daily as we will continue to record school reading in here.

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**Understanding the World**

We will be thinking about how to look after each other and what they need to stay safe. We will be discussing life cycles and have some special guests visiting the classroom for the whole of this half term.

**Weekly schedules:**

PE is on a Thursday  
Library is on a Thursday  
Show and Tell in on a Friday

**Mathematics**

We will be securing our counting and ordering of numbers to 20, and applying this to adding and subtracting, using dots or cubes to support this. We will be adding and subtracting money. We will also be learning about sharing and halving. We will be using positional language to give directions, as well as understanding the shapes and sizes of different items, through science investigations.

**RE**

We will be discussing what we learn from religious stories. We will also be comparing various religious perspectives.



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**Communication and Language;**

We will be learning to listen to others opinions and put forward our own ideas, as well as ask and answer questions about stories we have read and listened to. We will also be learning the importance of communication in order to work well as a team.

**Personal, Social and Emotional**

We will be continuing to develop our ability to play co-operatively, as well thinking about other people's feelings and consequences of different behaviour. We will be thinking about our dreams and goals. We will be focusing on our ability to show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.

**How you can support your child at home:**

Please continue to work through the word cards, if you are missing a set please let us know and we can make sure that your child has the correct one. In addition please make sure you listen to your child read daily, little and often is best. Sometimes the reading books can feel quite long, splitting the book over two nights can often help. Don't forget to use the books on Bug Club.

**Final word**

Just a few reminders:  
 Please check your child's book bag as sometimes there are letters in there for you.

Please make sure that all school uniform, PE kits and coats are named. We do our best to make sure that each child goes home with the right items and if they are named it makes the process much quicker.

With the weather hopefully continuing to be warm and sunny, could you please make sure that you child has a named sun hat for when we are outside and you have applied suncream to them before school.

We will be going on our school trip to Mop End on Wednesday 25th May. I will send out a reminder letter of what the children will need to bring and wear closer to the time.

Thank you again for all your support.  
 Team R

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**Tapestry Show and Tell**

**Date:**

Fri 29th April	Ascott
Fri 6th May	Claydon
Fri 13th May	Hartwell
Fri 20th May	Mentmore
Fri 27th May	No Show and Tell due to Jubilee Picnic

Please note: This is only a guide. Due to the nature of Early Years the learning follows the children's interests, so other activities may crop up as the children change and learn.

**Expressive Arts and Design**

We will be using junk modelling skills to create bird feeders. We will also be making pictures in the style of Eric Carle and thinking about the changing seasons.

In music we will be looking at Platinum Jubilee songs and musical stories, singing and exploring untuned instruments.

**Important Dates:**

Mon 25th April	Inset Day
Tues 26th April	Return to school
Wed 27th April	Class R eye sight tests
Mon 2nd May	Bank Holiday
Tues 3rd May	Talk Tuesday
Thurs 19th May	Class Photo Day
Wed 25th May	Class R Trip to Mop End
Fri 27th May	Jubilee Day Whole School Picnic—2pm
Fri 27th May	Break Up for Half Term
Mon 6th June	INSET Day
Tues 7th June	Children return