



Waddesdon Village Primary School

Pathway to Excellence

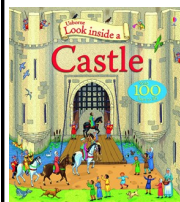
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English

Our key texts in English this term are non-fiction texts but we will be reading stories too, including Zog by Julia



Donaldson. We will start off looking at 'Dare to care: Pet Dragon' by MP Robertson and then 'Look inside a Castle' by Conrad Mason.

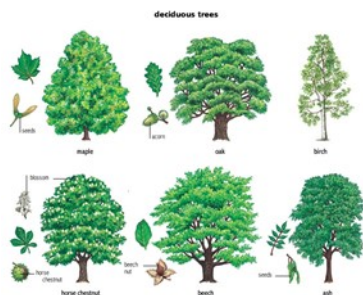


This term we will be continuing to develop our use of interesting and exciting vocabulary. We will be working on writing in complete sentences to describe characters and settings. We will also be exploring the structure of non-fiction writing and creating our own fact-files about castles.

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

Science

This term we will continue to focus on the topic of plants that we started last term. We will look at seasonal changes and identify trees in the school grounds.



Welcome back!

I hope you had a fantastic half term.

This term our topic is 'Dragons and Knights'.

We will also learn about castles.

Please share your experiences of visiting a castle with us. We would love to see photos.

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'Dragons and Knights!'



Weekly schedules:

PE is on a Thursday 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 Wednesday.

Books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Don't forget to bring your folders in everyday.

eBooks will be added to Bug Club online on a Friday.

Mathematics

This term we will be continuing with our work on division: sharing and grouping and then start work on fractions. Here the children will recognise, find and name a half and a quarter of an amount, shape or object. We will be exploring position, direction and movement.

We will then move onto exploring the place value of numbers up to 100. We will be counting forwards and backwards to 100, partitioning numbers into tens and ones using practical resources, comparing and ordering numbers and finding one more or less than a given number.

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 linked to orienteering and following directions on the theme of castles and dragons.



We will also learn a medieval dance that we will perform on Medieval day.



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History

This term we will learn about the Battle of Hastings that we didn't get to focus on last term. We will find out about Motte and Bailey 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.



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

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 'coding'. Children will be introduced to designing and planning a program before coding in some lessons. As well as this, we will be exploring how to keep ourselves safe when accessing the internet.

Phonics

The children will receive daily phonics sessions this year. After the phonics screening test we will be continuing with Phase 5c and moving onto Phase 5d. We will continue to explore alternative pronunciations of sounds and spellings.

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Important Dates

Thursday 30th June - Trip to Warwick Castle
Tuesday 5th July - Transition Day
Tuesday 12th July - Medieval Day
Wednesday 20th July - End of term school finishes at 1pm.

Show and Tell Timetable

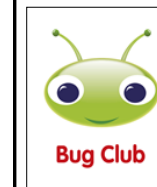
10/06/22 – Ascott
17/06/22 – Claydon
24/06/22 – Hartwell
1/07/22 – Mentmore
8/07/22 – Ascott
15/07/22 – Claydon

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.



Please remember to log onto our online reading platform 'Bug Club'. Your child will have two books allocated each week and a variety of fun games and quizzes to complete after reading each book.

Maths

Practise number skills by logging on to Numbots weekly.



RE

Due to a very short and busy half term we did not get to finish our RE topic so we will finish learning about the Shabbat.

PSHE

Our theme for this term is 'Changing me'. We will be reflecting and discussing our successes in Class One and how we have grown, changed and developed this year. We will also look forward to Class Two and discuss our goals.