



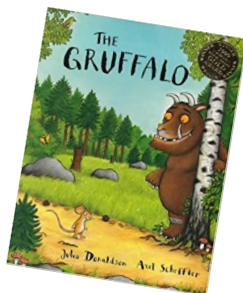
**Waddesdon Village Primary School**  
**Pathway to Excellence**  
**Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter**  
**Autumn 1 2021**



**English**

**Our key text in English this term is 'The Gruffalo'. We will also look at 'The Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson.**

We will be exploring the structure of simple sentences and vocabulary so that we can describe a character's appearance. We will also be developing our story telling skills by orally retelling familiar stories and writing simple sentences to form short narratives.



We will also be focusing on our handwriting. We will be ensuring that we are starting and finishing our letters in the correct place.



In addition to this, children will have daily phonics lessons and weekly guided reading sessions.

**Phonics Challenge**

This term the children will be taking on a new and exciting phonics challenge. Their job is to race through space visiting each phonics planet and completing a daily phonics challenge. This term we will be revisiting Phase 3 before jetting off into another galaxy to learn all about Phase 4.

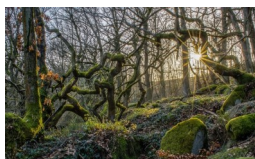


**Welcome to Class One!**

I hope you had a fantastic summer break. This term we will be focusing on well-being as well as reading, writing and maths.

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

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**Weekly schedules:**

**PE is on a Thursday and Friday.** The children will need to come dressed for outdoor PE sessions.

**Golden Time and Show and Tell is on a Friday.**

**Home Learning is handed in on a Tuesday.**

**Reading books will be swapped on a Friday.**

**Mathematics**

This term the children will be exploring place value and will begin to explore addition and subtraction using concrete resources.

We will focus specifically on counting forwards and backwards, reading and writing numbers in numerals and words, identifying and representing the value of numbers and identifying one more or less than a given number.

As the children's understanding of place value develops we will explore number bonds to 10 and will begin reading and writing mathematical statements.

**PE**

In PE we will be developing and exploring basic ball skills. The children will explore throwing, catching and striking. The children will also develop their spatial awareness, their ability to take turns and learn how to participate in team games.



**RE**

We will be exploring the question 'Does God want Christians to look after the world?' The children will have opportunities to discuss and share their ideas. As well as, exploring and retelling bible stories that discuss how and why we should look after our world.





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### Art

This term the children will be creating a wide range of artistic pieces such as: woodland paintings, Gruffalo sculptures and crafts.

We will also be designing and making our own woodland dream-catchers. The children will practise their weaving skills which will support the development of their fine motor skills.



### Phonics

**The children will receive daily phonics sessions this year.**

This term we will be revisiting and revising phase 3 sounds. We will then move onto phase 4 and begin to segment and blend digraphs to decode words accurately.

We will also explore spelling phase 2 and 3 tricky words accurately.

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

**Reading:** 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. They have a library book that may be of a higher reading level so can be shared with an adult. 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. It is expected that one of the days of reading will be online on Bug Club. Please tick off when they have read in the reading record book and write a comment.

### Teach your monster to read and Numbots:

You can also support your child by accessing the applications 'Teach your monster to read' and 'Numbots'. Teach your monster to read will support your child's development of their phonic knowledge. Numbots is a great way for pupils to practise their addition and subtraction skills with a focus on number bonds. Your child's log in information will be in their reading record book.

### Science:

This term the children will be learning about 'Everyday Materials'. We will be identifying, describing and sorting a variety of materials.

We will also be working scientifically to identify which materials would be the most suitable to build a strong and warm 'Log Pile' house for Snake and which material would be best for a waterproof coat!



## Autumn 1: 'Into the Woods!'



### Important Dates:

Wed 8th Sept - 4:30pm Meet the Teacher

Thurs 7th Oct - National Poetry Day

Wed 20th Oct - Individual photos

### Show and Tell Timetable

10/09/21 – Ascott  
17/09/21 – Claydon  
24/09/21 – Hartwell  
1/10/21 – Mentmore  
8/10/21 – Ascott  
15/10/21 – Claydon  
22/10/21 – Hartwell

### Computing



This term we will be learning about how to keep ourselves safe online. As well as this the children will explore a variety of digital literacy as well as learning the skill of grouping and sorting using the programme Purple Mash.

### PSHE

Our theme for this term is 'Being Me in My World'. As a class we will explore and discuss belonging, our rights and responsibilities and rewards and consequences. As well as this we will discuss and make choices about our class charter.

### Music

We will learn, sing and play woodland linked nursery rhymes.

