



Waddesdon Village Primary School
Pathway to Excellence
Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn 1 2021



English

Our key texts this term focus on Superheroes: 'Supertato by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet and 'Traction Man is Here' by Mini Grey. We will be looking at character descriptions and story writing. We will develop an understanding of the use of adjectives and nouns. Our Superhero Day later on this term will hopefully inspire our story writing.



In addition to this, children will have daily phonics/spelling lessons and reading sessions.



We will also have regular handwriting sessions.

Science

This term our topic is 'Every Day Materials'. We will be identifying and comparing the suitability of a variety of everyday materials for important super-hero roles.

We will also explore how we can change the shape of every day objects by making our own super-hero slime.

Welcome back Class 2!

I hope you had a fantastic summer break! This year we will continue to focus on well-being as well as reading, writing and maths.

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

The theme for the Autumn 1 is:
Heroes and Heroines



Weekly schedules:

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

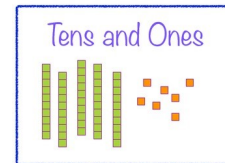
Golden Time and Show and Tell is on a Friday.

Home Learning is handed in on a Tuesday.

Reading books will be swapped on a Friday

Mathematics

Children initially will recap some principles of the topics covered in year 1. This includes recapping areas like number bonds to 10, representing numbers and partitioning them. They will secure and deepen their level of understanding of number and place value then move onto addition and subtraction calculations. This will initially be adding single digit numbers to two digit numbers.



PE

Children will be exploring and developing skills with basic movements and beginning to apply these to a range of different pieces of music. Working in groups they will be choreographing their own movements and actions around the topic of superheroes.



RE

We are learning to re-tell Bible stories that show kindness, and to explore the question 'Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?'





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History

In this unit, children will focus on real life heroes who work for the emergency services, and how this has developed through time. Children will learn about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.



Phonics and Spelling

This term we will recap on the Phase 5 sounds looked at last year. We will focus on the long and short vowel sounds in words to help us start to learn spelling patterns. Spelling practise will happen daily.



How you can support your child at home:

Reading: Children are encouraged to read as often as possible at home, preferably 15 minutes every day. This does not always have to be their reading book though. Listening to an adult read is also a valuable experience where they will hear a rich and varied vocabulary which will help develop their writing. If books are returned in the folders on a Wednesday, we will send a new one home on Friday. Unfortunately, if a book is not returned, your child will not receive a new one.

Maths: Numbots is a great way for children to practise their addition and subtraction skills with a focus on number bonds. Your child's log in information will be sent home with their home learning.

Art

Children will focus on colour and explore different ways to create their own pictures in a similar style to Roy Lichtenstein and his pop art explosions. This will link to the work done in computing.



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Music

All the learning is focused around a song that celebrates South African Music. We will explore the different dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc.)



Important Dates:

Wed 8th Sept	4:30pm Meet the Teacher meeting
Thurs 7th Oct	National poetry day
Mon 18th Oct	Superhero day
Wed 20th Oct	Individual photos
Fri 22nd Oct	Last day of term

Show and Tell Timetable

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

PSHE

We will be discussing our feelings about the year ahead, looking at our rights and responsibilities in class and how we can work well with others.



Computing

We will be working in the Paint Program exploring some of the templates and functions alongside learning about artists (Monet, Mondrian and Seurat) and art movements. This will link to the work we do in Art lessons.



Please feel free to arrange to see me or talk on the phone, should you ever need to.
Email via the school office.