



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

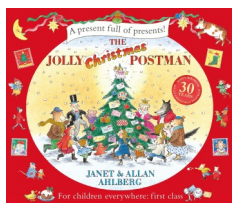


English

We will be looking at a range of genres linking to our topic, including retell stories related to events through acting/role play. We will be creating Christmas letters and lists. We will be thinking about how stories have a beginning, middle and end. In phonics we will be blending sounds into words, so that we can read short words made up of known letter– sound correspondences.

Our key books this term will be:

- Hansel & Gretel
- 3 Billy Goats
- The Jolly Christmas



Physical Development

We will be continuing our Funky Fingers 4 times a week, where we focus on fine motor skills. We have handwriting 4 days a week and will be thinking about the correct letter formations. On Thursdays we will be having our PE lessons and will be focussing on ball skills and throwing and catching. We will also be thinking about dance linked to our school Christmas production.

General Introduction:

I hope you all had a restful half term and are ready to start the second half of the autumn term! It will be exciting as we begin to learn and practise our Christmas Nativity. In Class R this half term there are a few things to tell you about!
Your children will be receiving flash cards this half term and an additional letter will come out to explain these to you.
The class TAs are Mr Worrell and Miss Stainer (Mon-Fri) Mrs S (Mon-Wed) & Mrs Saw (Thurs-Fri) On Friday's the children will have Miss Screech.

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Understanding the World

We will be exploring a range of texts, and introduce the children to a range of fictional characters and creatures from stories and to begin to differentiate these characters from real people in their lives.

Weekly schedules:

PE is on a Thursday
(please remember to wear PE kit to school that day. As the weather is getting colder please make sure children are wearing long sleeved tops and jogging bottoms).

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

Mathematics

We will have opportunities to order items by size and weight this half term, as well as continuing our counting skills. We will be counting different items, and looking at how we can represent numbers. We will be discussing one more and one less. We will be exploring positional language.

RE

This half term in RE we will be focusing on What is Christmas and how different people celebrate it.



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Communication and Language;
 We will be retelling stories using story language. We will be thinking about following instructions and understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important.

Personal, Social and Emotional
 We will be developing our ability to play co-operatively, as well as discussing getting on and falling out. We will think about our emotions and how different scenarios make us feel.

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

Please ensure your child has a water bottle for use in the classroom and they are to only have water not squash or juice.

Expressive Arts and Design
 We will use different textures and materials to make a bridge strong enough for the 3 Billy Goats to cross.
 We will be discussing fireworks and creating firework pictures thinking about the colours that we see.

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How you can support your child at home:
 Reading at home is the most important activity you can complete with your child. Ideally, you should do this every day. This should take the form of you reading to them as well as them reading to you. Before they are at the stage of being able to sound out words, it is important to ask children which letters they recognise, what sound they make, and even to orally segment (sound out!) the words for them to see if they can then blend those sounds together to hear the complete word.

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.

Show and Tell
 Photo of a place that is special
 05/11/21 – Hartwell
 12/11/21 – Mentmore
 19/11/21 – Ascott
 26/11/21 – Claydon
 03/12/21 – Hartwell
 10/12/21 – Mentmore

Important Dates:

Tues 2nd Nov	Children return
Tues 9th Nov	Talk Tuesday
Wed 10th Nov	Open afternoon for parents/ carers in Classes R, 1 and 2 2.30pm – 3.20pm
Fri 12th Nov	Children in Need
Tues 16th Nov	Flu vaccinations
Fri 19th Nov	PAWS and Pupil Parliament Cake Sale – 3.20pm
Wed 24th Nov	Parents' Evening
Thurs 25th Nov	Parents' Evening
Week of 29th Nov	Book Fair
Thurs 2nd Dec	Carol Service Church
Mon 6th Dec	EYFS and KS1 nativity dress rehearsal – 10am
Tues 7th Dec	Talk Tuesday
Tues 7th Dec	EYFS and KS1 nativity performance – 2pm
Wed 8th Dec	EYFS and KS1 nativity performance – 6pm
Tues 14th Dec	Christmas dinner
Wed 15th Dec	EYFS and KS1 Party
Fri 17th Dec	Break up at 3.20pm

