



Waddesdon Village Primary School

Pathway to Excellence

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

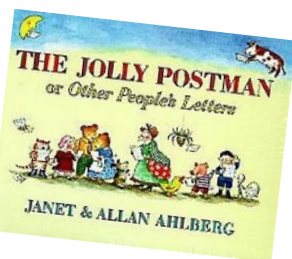
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English

We will start this term looking at firework poetry.

Our key text in English this term is 'The Jolly Postman.' Through this book other traditional tales such as Goldilocks and The Three Little Pigs will be explored.



This term we will be developing our story telling skills by orally retelling familiar stories and creating story maps.

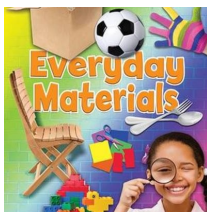
We will be using our knowledge of traditional tales to retell stories in simple sentences that form a short narrative. Whilst doing this we will be focusing on using capital letters and full stops correctly. We will also explore non-fiction writing by composing letters.

We will also be focusing on developing our handwriting, starting and finishing our letters in the correct place.

Science

This term we will continue our learning about 'Everyday Materials'. We will be working scientifically to identify which materials will be the most suitable to keep Goldilocks' porridge warm.

Which material is the strongest for the Three Little Pigs houses and which conditions are best to grow a beanstalk for Jack.



Welcome back!

I hope you had a wonderful break this half term.

Our topic this term is 'Once Upon a time' as we will be looking at Traditional Tales.

Autumn 2

Once upon a time...



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.

Reading books will be swapped on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

We will visit the library on a Wednesday.

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

Mathematics

This term the children will be continuing our work on number and place value as well as addition and subtraction using concrete, pictorial and abstract representations.

We will focus specifically on representing and using number bonds to 10 and related subtraction facts. Adding and subtracting single digit numbers to 10, as well as using and interpreting +, - and = symbols.

We will also solve addition and subtraction problems as well as missing number problems. 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

Children will explore basic gymnastic actions and develop some control and coordination. They will link and repeat actions with support to create a short sequence - mat and equipment will be used. They will begin to associate these actions with words, signs or symbols.



RE

We will continue to work on Looking after our world and will also be exploring 'The Christmas Story' (Christianity). We will also explore the question 'What gifts might Christians in my town have given to Jesus if he had been born here rather than in Bethlehem?'



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DT & Art

This term we will be exploring the skill of collaging. Children will create a range of different fairy tale art pieces from character collage to bear caves, using paints, paper, craft and natural materials.

We will be using a range of materials creatively to design and make products. We will also be developing our use of colour, pattern, shape and texture.



Phonics

In daily phonics lessons we will be recapping on Phase 4 phonics exploring consonant blends and clusters and reading CVCC and CCVC accurately and also learning new sounds in phase 5. We will also explore spelling phase 3 and 4 tricky words accurately.

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Important Dates:

- Wed 10th Nov - 2:30pm Open Afternoon for Y1 & 2
- Tues 16th Nov - Flu Vaccines
- 24th & 25th Nov - Parents' Evenings
- Thurs 2nd Dec - Carol Service
- Mon 6th Dec - Dress rehearsal for KS1 Performance
- Tues 7th Dec - 2:00pm KS1 performance
- Wed 8th Dec - 6pm KS1 performance
- Wed 15th Dec - KS1 party

Show and Tell Timetable

- 5/11/21 – Mentmore
- 12/11/21—Ascott
- 19/11/21 – Claydon
- 26/11/21 – Hartwell
- 3/12/21 – Mentmore
- 10/12/21 – Ascott
- 17/12/21 – Claydon

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. Please sign and write a comment in their reading record letting us know what you have done e.g. read a book from home/the library, read instructions to a game/recipe or a comic/magazine, listened to stories on CDs or parents read at bedtime.

Bug Club and Teach your Monster to Read are other great reading resources to use.

Their reading records are monitored on a regular basis and with a focus on comprehension skills.

Esafty

Watching an animation about how to stay safe when on-line and talking about the key safety tips linked with personal information, stranger danger, reporting to safe adults and general behaviours when on-line.

Computing

The children will continue working with iPads - learning how to log on/off Purple Mash, review their own avatars and learning about pictograms. They will start to look at the desktop and mouse to build familiarity. We will also be using technology purposefully to create posters for the missing Traditional Tales characters.



PSHE

Our theme for this term is 'Celebrating Difference'. As a class we will explore and discuss similarities and differences in our class. Discuss what bullying is, what to do if we are being bullied, how we can help others and finally how to make new friends.



Music

This term we will be learning songs for our Christmas Performance.