



# Waddesdon Village Primary School

## Pathway to Excellence

### Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

#### Spring One 2022



#### English

**Our key text in English this term is 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers.**



This term we will be developing our ability to write in complete simple sentences using capital letters, interesting vocabulary and full stops. We will also explore exclamation and question marks in our writing. Initially we will focus on instructional writing and developing our use of vocabulary will be our focus. We will then progress onto composing a narrative piece of writing. We will continue to develop our story telling skills by orally retelling and story mapping the text. Then finally composing our own versions of the story.

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

#### Science

This term we will be learning about 'Animals and Humans'. We will be identifying and naming a variety of common animals.

We will explore carnivores, herbivores and omnivores, as well as conducting experiments to test which materials are most suitable for cold weather.

Welcome back!

I hope you had a fantastic Christmas break and feel recharged for the New Year. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for the cards and generous gifts.

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

#### Spring 1 'Polar Explorers!'



#### Weekly schedules:

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

**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 place value, shape and addition and subtraction. As well as focusing on our number bonds to 10.

Initially we will continue to develop a secure understanding of the place value of numbers within twenty using tens and ones, as well as identifying one more/ less than a number.

We will then focus on representing and using number bonds to 20 and related subtraction facts. Adding and subtracting single and two digit numbers to 20, as well as using and interpreting +, - and = symbols. We will also solve addition and subtraction problems as well as missing number problems.

Following this we will be exploring place value within numbers to 50. This will include counting in multiples of 1, 2, 5 and 10.

#### PE

In PE we will be developing basic movement skills through dance. The children will focus on control and coordination when travelling and remaining still; and moving to the beat in time to the music. Our theme for dance this term will be 'Antarctica and the Snow World'.

#### RE

This term we will be exploring the concept of Jesus as a friend. The children will have time to discuss and share their ideas in a safe and supportive environment.



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### Topic: Geography, DT & Art

This term we will be experimenting with a variety of different materials to design and make a boat for our own arctic adventure.

The children will have time to experiment with different materials to identify which would be most suitable for a boat.

We will experiment with the use of colour, pattern, texture and shape during this unit of work creating our own versions of Katsushika Hokusai's wave art work.



We will learn about the continents and focus in particular on the Polar regions.

### Music

This term we will be learning about different musical styles, rhythm and pitch. The children will also be experimenting with a range of instruments.

### Computing

This term we will be exploring the Purple Mash units Lego Builders and Maze Explorers. In these units of work the children will have the opportunity to create and debug simple programs. 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 term we will be continuing with Phase 5a and moving onto



Phase 5b and c. We will explore split digraphs and alternative pronunciations of sounds and spellings. Phonics resources are available on the website.

## Spring 1: 'Polar Explorers!'



### Show and Tell Timetable

- 07/01/22 – Hartwell
- 14/01/22 – Mentmore
- 21/01/22 – Ascott
- 28/01/22 – Claydon
- 04/02/22 – Hartwell
- 11/02/22 – Mentmore
- 18/02/22 – Acott

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

#### Reading:

**Please encourage your child to take part in our exciting reading rocket challenge!**

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. 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.

Their reading records are monitored on a regular basis and with a focus on comprehension skills. Reading books will now be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**Please do not forget to log on to Bug Club each week . If you have any problems, please let me know.**



### PSHE

Our theme for this term is 'Dreams and Goals'. As a class we will explore and discuss our dreams and goals and set ourselves challenges to work towards.