



Waddesdon Village Primary School
Pathway to Excellence
Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter
Spring 1 2022



English

We will begin the term looking at the book 'Meerkat Mail'. This will link with our work in Geography. We will write postcards and link to our work in Computing researching and creating a fact file. The work we do on the books we study this term will also link with our Geography topic. We will be improving our writing using joining words: because, when, if, that....; using interesting sentence starters and the correct punctuation.



In addition to this, children will continue to have daily phonics/spelling lessons. We will also have regular handwriting and reading sessions.

Science

Children will be learning more about healthy eating, having a balanced diet and a healthy lifestyle. They will investigate the effects of exercise on their bodies and heart rate in PE lessons. They will also look at how animals, including humans grow.



Happy New Year!

We hope you had a lovely Christmas break.

I hope you're looking forward to a brand new term of exciting learning. The topic for the whole of the Spring term will be focussing on Geography.

We will be learning about continents and oceans as well as explorers and adventurers. If you have any postcards or photographs of places you have visited around the world including the UK, please bring them in for us to look at as this will enhance our learning.

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Weekly schedules:

PE is on a Friday.
Library is on a Thursday.
Golden Time is on a Friday.

Reading books will be changed **on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.**
 Please ensure your child's reading record is sent into school every day. This enables us to record any reading completed in school.

Mathematics

This term we will continue to develop our understanding of addition and subtraction. We will then progress onto developing our knowledge and understanding of multiplying and dividing. This will involve building on knowledge of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. If this is something your child struggles with, please practise this at home to support their learning.

We will continue to have weekly basic skills sessions, practising skills that are important in their mathematical knowledge. For example, number bonds/pairs of numbers that make 10.

PE

This term the children will be developing their basic movement skills and co-ordination through attacking and defending games such as Hockey. We will also be learning and creating our own dance traditions from many countries including France, Spain, India, Australia, USA and Africa.

RE

We will be learning more about the Jewish faith, respecting God and look at Jewish traditions of Passover.



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Geography

We will be building on the work done in year 1 on countries in the UK and developing knowledge of the world identifying continents and oceans. This topic will link in with the work we do in English and will last for the whole of the Spring term. We will be learning about Christopher Columbus and comparing him to other Explorers, including adventurers and explorers of today. We will be using atlases, maps and Google Earth to explore the world.



Phonics and Spelling

We will be looking at contractions, correctly using an apostrophe in words such as didn't and couldn't. Then we will be learning about spelling rules when adding -ing, -ed, -er, -est and -y. We will also be looking at words that end in -ey and -le.



How you can support your child at home

Reading: Regular reading is really important to help them progress, especially in their understanding. Children need to make sure they bring their books in as they are checked daily.

Spelling: The children have regular spelling sessions in school and use a variety of different strategies to practise these. Regular practise of the Year 1 and Year 2 common exception words would be extremely beneficial. These spellings can be found on the C2 page on the school website.

Maths: Please continue to learn number bonds: pairs of numbers that make 10/20/100. Being able to count in 2s 5s and 10s will help with the work we are doing in Maths this term and lead on to times tables.

Art

This term we will be experimenting with colour to create water-colour paintings of oceans and continents.

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Music

We will be learning about pitch, rhythm and pulse. We will also explore how to play the Glockenspiel.

Important Dates:

- Wednesday 19th January - Maths Evening (TBC)
- Wednesday 2nd February - PAWS number day
- Friday 11th February - Make a Wish Fundraiser
- Friday 18th February - End of Term

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 - Ascott

Computing

Children will have a variety of e-safety activities and then look at different ways of 'Presenting Ideas', creating and presenting a non-fiction fact file.

PSHE - Dreams and Goals

Children will look at how they can set themselves challenges in order to succeed.

Handwriting

We will continue to practise our cursive handwriting style. We will continue to practise letter joins this half term. Please practise correct formation at home.

