



**Waddesdon Village Primary School**  
**Pathway to Excellence**  
**Class R Curriculum Newsletter**  
**Autumn 2 2023**



**English**

We will be looking at retelling stories related to events through acting/role play and instructions. 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:**



**Expressive Arts and Design**

We will be experimenting with colour by exploring 'pop art' and creating our own pop art pumpkins. We will also be discussing firework sounds and safety and will create firework pictures thinking about the colours that we see.

We will also work on developing pretend story lines in our play through our teacher and doctor surgery role-play areas.

**Physical Development**

We will be continuing our Funky Fingers 4 times a week, where we focus on fine motor skills to strengthen our fingers for writing. We will continue to work on forming letters correctly and practising pre-handwriting shapes. In PE we will be focussing on fundamental movement skills such as hopping, skipping, jumping and travelling. This will be linked to our school production 'Born in the Barn'.

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**Let's Celebrate!**



**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 and Show and Tell are on a Friday.**

**Phonics**

This term we will be learning the following new graphemes:  
 J, v, w, x, y, z, zz, qu, ch, sh, th, ng, nk, ai, ee, igh and oa. We will be working extremely hard on recognising these sounds and previously taught sounds within words to blend them together to read words accurately.

Please continue to refer to the weekly sound recognition videos on tapestry to support with reading at home.

Please also continue to practise recognising the HRS words that are sent home in your child's reading folder. Practising these will really support your child's progress.

**Mathematics**

This term we will be continuing with our mastering number programme. We will be continuing to develop our conceptual subertising skills, counting, comparing sets of objects and we will also be beginning to *identify wholes and parts*.

**RE**

This half term in RE we will be focusing on how people celebrate. We will focus on the religious festivals, Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas.



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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.

#### Understanding the world

We will be describing people in our community e.g. dentists, doctors etc.  
We will be learning about why we celebrate Bonfire night and who Guy Fawkes is.  
We will be comparing our local environment with a cold climate and considering the similarities and differences between the two environments.

#### 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 but at least 4 times a week. 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.

#### Personal, Social and Emotional

We will be developing our ability to play co-operatively, as well as resolving conflicts. We will think about our emotions and how different scenarios make us feel.



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.

#### Photo of a place that is special

##### Show and Tell Timetable

- 3/11/23 – Mentmore
- 10/11/23 – Ascott
- 17/11/23 – Claydon
- 24/11/23 – Hartwell
- 1/12/23 – Mentmore
- 8/12/23 – Ascott
- 15/12/23 – Claydon

#### 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.

#### Important Dates:

Tues 7th Nov	Open afternoon for parents/ carers in Classes R, 1 and 2 2.30pm – 3.20pm
Fri 17th Nov	Children in Need
Mon 20th Nov	Parents' Evening
Tues 21st Nov	Parents' Evening
Thurs 23rd Nov	Flu Immunisations
Thurs 30th Nov	EYFS Independence and Communication Workshop 3:00 - 3:20
Mon 4th Dec	EYFS and KS1 nativity dress rehearsal – 10am
Tues 5th Dec	EYFS and KS1 nativity performance – 2pm
Wed 6th Dec	EYFS and KS1 nativity performance – 6pm
Mon 11th Dec	Christmas Party
Tues 12th Dec	Christmas dinner
Wed 13th Dec	PAWS Christmas film night
Fri 15th Dec	Break up at 3.20pm