



Waddesdon Village Primary School

Pathway to Excellence

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2 2023



English

We will be looking at a range of books with ocean themes. Although we will be looking at many non-fiction books, our writing focus this term is on story writing. We will concentrate on using interesting vocabulary as well as the basics that we are sometimes forgetting: using capital letters and full stops correctly.



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

Science

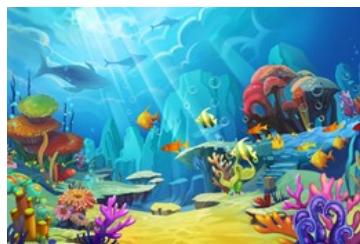
This term we will be looking at living things and ocean habitats. We will learn about the American Scientist Rachel Carson who first discovered the dangers of pollution in the ocean.



We hope you had a lovely half term break. It is a busy half term ahead of us with Class 2 leading this year's Nativity called 'Born in a Barn'. We will be sending words home for children to learn very soon. Please help your child learn their lines.

We are building on our knowledge of the 7 continents last term and will learn about the 5 oceans this term.

Autumn 2 Ocean Adventures



Weekly schedules:

PE is on a Thursday and Friday. The children will need their full PE kit in school at all times. This includes a change of shoes.

Library is on a Wednesday.

Golden Time is on a Friday.

Mathematics

There will be a large focus on linking our learning this term, building on and using all the things we have previously learnt. Last term we began work on adding and we will continue with this, also looking at subtracting. We will add and subtract two two-digit numbers using the tens and ones rods to help with this to begin with. We will continue to build on our knowledge of pairs to 10 to help us to work out pairs to 20 and 100. It is important the children know the pairs of numbers that make 10 to help them with the addition and subtraction work this term. Please practise these at home.

ADDITION		SUBTRACTION	
add	increase	take away	take from
plus	more	minus	fewer
and	sum	less	take
total	together	reduce	difference
		remain	how many more

PE

Children will finish off last term's unit of work and begin working on their fitness where they will challenge themselves through personal fitness targets.

RE

We will be revisiting the Christmas story and looking at how Christianity celebrates the birth of Jesus.



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Geography

We will continue to look at continents and name the oceans surrounding them.



History

We will spend a short amount of time learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot.

DT/Art

The children will finish off making the vehicles they began to make at the end of last term. We will then be creating art work from recycled materials.



Music

We will be learning songs for our Nativity and making music digitally in our computing lessons, creating sequences of mood music.



Computing

The children will complete two short units of work this term where they will build on their knowledge of Spreadsheets from last year, They will also learn to make music digitally.

Phonics and Spelling

We will continue to investigate the alternate pronunciations and look at the spelling of the 'zh' and 'ur' sounds. We will review the silent letters and the alternate spellings of 'j' that we looked at last term. In addition to this we will look at spellings of common words and investigate some homophones. Your child has already come home with a list of highlighted words they need to learn to read. Please continue to practise them at home. We will also be sending home spellings we will also work on in class.

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Ocean Adventures

Important Dates:

- 7 Nov Parents Open Afternoon 2:30pm
- 20-21 Nov Parents Evenings
- 23 Nov Flu immunisations
- 5-6 Dec KS1 Nativity Performance
- 7 Dec Trip to the Sealife Centre
- 11 Dec KS1 Christmas Party

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

How you can support your child at home

Reading:

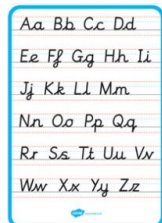
Daily reading is really important to help them progress, especially in their understanding. Children need to make sure they bring their books in as they are checked daily. Your child will also have words to practice too.

Books are taken in on a Friday and new books are given on a Monday. At the weekend why not enjoy listening to the story on the QR code I send home. You could also enjoy a book you have at home.

Reading Rocket Challenge: it's great to see so many children interested in reading a book from the Reading Rocket Challenge list. If you read them at home, please make a note in the reading record and I will follow up on it in school.

Maths: Don't forget to log on to Numbots.

Handwriting is still a focus area. It is important that children form their letters correctly before they can join correctly. Please encourage at home when your child writes.



PSHE

We will be learning how other people show their feelings and how to respond to them. Looking at conventions of manners and developing an understanding of self-respect.