



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

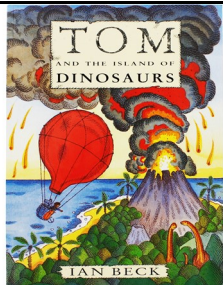


**English**

We will be building up our confidence writing sentences this half term, by reading a range of genres (information, instructions, museum signs, stories) and also writing our own with these different purposes.

Our key books this term will be:

- **Tom and the island of dinosaurs**
- **Ten Little dinosaurs**



**Physical Development**

We will be continuing our Funky Fingers 4 times a week, where we focus on fine motor skills. We will be looking at different ways that we can move and discuss healthy lifestyles. We will continue to have access to physical development opportunities through our play also, such as the bikes and large construction.

**General Introduction:**

I hope you all had a relaxing half term and the children are refreshed and ready for more learning! Show and Tell will be continuing and I have added the timetable on the next page. We have loved hearing about the special trips that some of you have been on, please continue to upload these and anything else onto tapestry. The class TA is Mrs Smith (Mon & Tues) and Mr Worrell and Miss Stainer (Mon-Fri). On Friday Mornings the children will have Miss Screech.

**Mathematics**

We will be focussing on counting securely up to 10 and using these numbers to add and subtract as well as recognising our number bonds within these. We will be using the vocabulary of more, fewer, one more/less and estimating. We will also look at shapes and shape patterns.

**Understanding the World**

We will be using the ipads to learn more about dinosaurs and learn to type. We will also be learning about how the world was different when the dinosaurs lived, as well as about different types of dinosaurs and how we have found out about them.

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**Amazing Animals**

**Weekly schedules:**

Library is on a Thursday  
PE is on a Thursday

**RE**

RE this half term continues to focus on celebrations and different religious festivals.

**PSHCE**

PSCHE focuses on dreams and goals



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**Personal, Social and Emotional**

We will be developing our understanding of different emotions and thinking about how our actions affect others.

**Communication and Language;**

Through our topic, we will be learning how to answer how and why questions after listening to stories, learning new vocabulary and thinking about speaking clearly and listening carefully to those we are talking with.

**Final word**

Just a few reminders:  
 Please check your child's book bag as sometimes there are letters in there for you. Please make sure that all school uniform, PE kits and coats are named. We do our best to make sure that each child goes home with the right items and if they are named it makes the process much quicker. Children are not to bring home items into school, these can often get muddled in amongst the classroom toys and become difficult to locate.

Thank you again for all your support.

**Show and Tell (Theme—Something you have drawn, made or created)**

- 04/03/22—Mentmore
- 11/03/22—Ascott
- 28/03/22—Claydon
- 25/03/22—Hartwell
- 01/04/22—Mentmore
- 08/04/22—No Show & Tell



**Important Dates:**

|                    |                                  |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Monday 28th Feb    | Children Return                  |
| Thursday 3rd Mar   | World Book Day                   |
| Tuesday 8th Mar    | Talk Tuesday                     |
| Wednesday 16th Mar | Parent Open afternoon 2.30-3.20  |
| Friday 18th Mar    | Red Nose Day                     |
| Thursday 24th Mar  | Heights and Weights—school nurse |
| Wednesday 30th Mar | Parents Evening                  |
| Thursday 31st Mar  | Parents Evening                  |
| Friday 8th Apr     | Break Up 3.20pm                  |
| Monday 25th Apr    | Inset Day                        |
| Tuesday 26th Apr   | Children Return                  |

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

Please continue to read with your children everyday using either the books in their reading folders or from Bug Club online. Please continue to work through the word cards, it is great to see so many children completing these. Use the Numbots game.

Other good apps are Teach your Monster to Read and White Rose 1 minute Maths.

**Expressive Arts and Design**

We will be learning how to combine a range of materials for different purposes, such as making dinosaur masks. We will also be role-playing as dinosaurs and then paleontologists working in a museum, to help us explore our topic.

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.

