



Waddesdon Village Primary School

Pathway to Excellence

Year R Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 1 2023



General introduction

A warm welcome to all parents. Thank you for welcoming us into your homes last week, it was lovely to meet with you all. I'm Miss King and I am fortunate to be teaching your children this year. The classroom teaching assistants are Mrs Hillyard and Mr Worrell. This is our first curriculum newsletter of the academic year, you will receive a new one each half term with information detailing what we are going to be focusing on in class.

The children's first term at school is such a special and exciting one. To complement this new chapter in their lives and to promote their personal, social and emotional development, we will be reading lots of stories about starting school, new experiences, family and friends, learning class rules and routines, sharing stories about ourselves, learning about our feelings and learning how to keep ourselves safe and healthy. We will also focus on listening to and following instructions.

Understanding the World

We will be thinking about how to look after each other and what they need to stay safe. We will be using the text *The Colour Monster* and our zones of regulation to help us begin to explore, recognise and understand our emotions.



Mathematics

This half term we will be practising counting to 5 and recognising those numerals. We will be finding different ways that we can create and represent these numbers.

We will begin to explore shapes linked to these numbers.



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All about me...



Weekly schedules:

Reading books are sent home on a **Monday** and should be handed in each day.

Library is on a **Friday**

PE is on a **Thursday** (children come to school dressed in PE kit).

English and Phonics

This half term, we will be sharing lots of stories about starting school, new experiences, family and friends and nursery rhymes. We will explore the five key concepts of print, as well as, recognising and writing the initial sounds in words and practising mark making including practising writing the letters in our names.

Our key texts this half term will be:

The Colour Monster Starts School, *The Perfect Fit*, *When we were giants*, *Funny Bones* and *Owl Babies*.



We will have daily phonics lessons following our phonics scheme **Essential Letters and Sounds**.

Physical Development

We will be developing our fine motor skills through 'Funky Finger' sessions 4 times a week. As well as developing a comfortable pencil grip which enables good control. We will be developing our gross motor skills through working on co-operation games as well as using the outdoor equipment to develop our movement skills and core strength.

RE

This half term in RE we will be focusing on What makes people special. We will also be finding out about harvest.





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Communication and Language;

We will be developing our listening skills and ability to follow instructions through a variety of games. We will develop our ability to talk confidently about ourselves, our families and our interests through games and show and tell. We will also practise sharing our feelings with others and retell stories that are familiar.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term our pupils will be supported in developing stories around small world objects and be encouraged to think imaginatively when using construction materials. E.g. building a house or a city.

We will explore colour, colour mixing and showing emotions in our drawings. We will also express our own ideas through collaging using a range of autumn materials.

Personal, Social and Emotional

We will be learning all about each other; how old are we? Do we have pets? What are our favourite foods?

We will also be discussing how we are all special, but all have similarities and differences, as well as thinking about how what we say affects others and also celebrating difference.

PSHE

PSHE is taught throughout the curriculum and we complete circle times where we will discuss what is important to us and others. We will be exploring our emotions and what causes these feelings.

How you can support your child at home:

To further enhance your child's learning at home you may wish to go on a walk and collect items that you could then create an Autumn picture out of.

Books will begin to come home with your children. These will at first have no words in. We would like you to look through these books and discuss the pictures with your child. You could talk about who the characters are, what are they doing, why are they doing that etc...

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Final word

We look forward to getting to know you better. If you have any queries or concerns please feel free to speak to us.

Kind regards,
The Reception Team

Important Dates

- Tues 5th Sept** : Meet the Teacher online presentation
- October**: Black History Month
- Monday 2nd Oct**: Harvest food collection
- Thursday 5th Oct**: National Poetry Day
- Tuesday 10th Oct**: World Mental Health Day
- Thursday 19th Oct**: Individual school photographs
- Friday 20th Oct**: half term

Show and tell timetable:

15/09/23 – Claydon

22/09/23– Hartwell

29/09/23– Mentmore

06/10/23– Ascott

13/10/23 – Claydon

20/10/23– Hartwell