



Waddesdon Village Primary School

Pathway to Excellence

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter Spring Two 2024



English

Our book this term is 'Lost in the Toy Museum' by David Lucas. We will also be reading Old Bear by Jane Hissey, as well as some non-fiction books about toys in the past.



This term we will be continuing to develop our use of interesting and exciting vocabulary. We will be working on writing in complete simple sentences using capital letters, finger spaces, conjunctions and a variety of different punctuation marks. Such as full stops, question marks and exclamation marks.



We will also explore the significance of the title of a book as well as drawing inferences and predictions about the text.

In addition to this, children will have daily phonics lessons. We will also have regular handwriting sessions.

Science

This term we will continue our learning about 'Animals and Humans'. We will be identifying and naming a variety of common animals. We will also look at the seasonal changes of Spring.

We will also link our work to the theme of 'Time' for British Science week 11—15th March.

Welcome back!

I hope you had a lovely half term break.

Our topic this term is 'Terrific Toys!'

We are going to be learning all about toys that people played with in the past and the ways that toys have changed.

Spring 2 'Terrific Toys!'



Weekly schedules:

PE is on a Tuesday and Friday. The children will need to come dressed for outdoor PE sessions.

Reading books will be swapped on a Monday.

We will visit the library on a Thursday.

Mathematics

This term we continue with our addition and subtraction unit. This will include number bonds to 10 and developing fluency with addition and subtraction facts within 10.

We will continue to develop our fluency and reasoning skills in all areas of maths.

PE

This half term we will be focusing on 'Attack and Defence Games' in our PE sessions and working on the fundamental skills of playing games. The children will also be learning about Tennis.

RE

This term we will be exploring Easter Celebrations. We will also be discussing the significance of the Easter Story and Palm Sunday to Christians.

PSHE

Our theme for this term is 'Healthy Me'. As a class we will explore what being 'healthy' means and how we can make sure we keep our bodies and minds healthy.



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DT & Art

This term we will be experimenting with a variety of different materials and textures to create our own toys.

We will explore selecting the most appropriate tools and equipment to help us to do this and communicate our designs through drawings and discussion.

History

This term our topic will be 'Toys.' We will be exploring the changes between the ages, identifying similarities and differences between different time periods. We will discuss how toys have changed within our parents and grandparents lives and finally how technology has advanced.



Music

Musical Vocabulary



Children will be practicing using musical vocabulary and exploring different terms using the theme of *Under the Sea*.

Computing

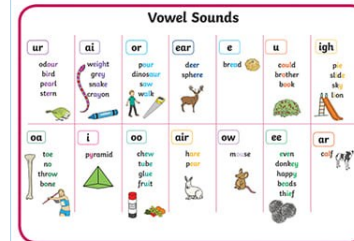
This term we will be learning how to use algorithms to control characters on the ipads.

As well as this, we will be exploring how to keep ourselves safe when accessing the internet.

Phonics

We will continue with our phonics scheme and the children will have daily phonics lessons

This term we will be continuing to explore alternative sounds as well as exploring and blending nonsense words.



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Important Dates:

Wed 5th March	2:30 pm Dad's Day
Thurs 7th March	World Book Day
11-15 March	STEM week
Tues 12th March	2:30pm Open afternoon
19th&20th March	Parents Evenings
Thurs 28th March	End of term

Show and Tell Timetable

23/2/24 – Ascott
1/3/24 – Claydon
8/3/24 – Hartwell
15/3/24 – Mentmore
22/3/24 – Ascott

How you can support your child at home:

Phonics:

Please practise segmenting and blending both real and nonsense words at home with your child with games such as buried treasure on phonics play (you can access this for free and the link is on our class page).

You can find other downloadable resources on the C1 page on the website.

Spelling

We will send home the year 1 common exception words that the children have been learning to read and spell at school. Any opportunity you get to practise these at home with your child would really help to support what we are doing in the classroom. Focus on the reading of the words and then progress to spelling them.

Reading:

Children are encouraged to read as often as possible at home, preferably ten minutes every day. The phonics scheme recommends reading the book 4 times a week.

Please practise reading fluently by re-reading the book they have. This will also help with reading for meaning and understanding of what they have read.

Please sign and write a comment in their reading record letting us know what you have done e.g. read a book from home/the library, read instructions to a game/recipe or a comic/magazine, listened to stories on CDs or parents read at bedtime.