



Waddesdon Village Primary School
Pathway to Excellence
Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn 2 2022



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

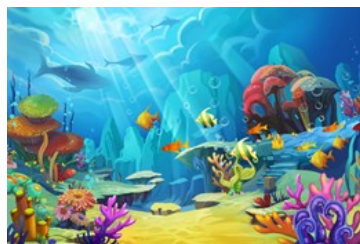


American Scientist Rachel Carson who first discovered the dangers of pollution in the ocean.

We hope you had a lovely half term break. It is a busy half term ahead of us with Class 2 leading this years Nativity called 'The Wiggly Nativity'. 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 learn the 5 oceans this term.

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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 done. 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 so they will be using their knowledge of tens and ones in numbers. We will 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. Please practise these at home.

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

PE



We didn't cover hockey skills as planned last term. Instead, we focussed on general ball skills so this term we will move on to hockey.

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 focussing on observational drawings of shells and other things found in the sea.



Music

We will be learning songs for our Nativity. We will also be creating vocal and instrumental sounds to represent three contrasting landscapes: seaside, countryside and city.

Computing

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

Phonics and Spelling

We will continue to investigate the alternate pronunciations of words. We will also be looking at Year 1 and 2 words within our phonics lessons. Your child will come home with a list of highlighted words. These are words your child needs to learn to read. Please practise at home. We will be focussing on some of these words this term.

Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words			
Year 1	Year 1	Year 2	Year 2
the	they	one	door
is	he	are	floor
do	he	are	hold
is	me	ask	poor
today	she	school	because
of	we	past	every
said	no	push	mind
again	go	pull	backed
are	is	full	pretty
were	by	house	eye
was	my	our	will
is	there	there	class
has	where	more	post
I	love	only	father
you	come	old	grass
your	some	old	pass
		cost	many

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Important Dates:

- 8 Nov Parents Open Afternoon 2:30pm
- 10 Nov Flu immunisations
- 22-23 Nov Parents Evenings
- 6-7 Dec KS1 Nativity Performance
- 19 Dec KS1 Christmas Party

Show and Tell Timetable

- 4/11/22 – Claydon
- 11/11/22 – Hartwell
- 18/11/22 – Mentmore
- 25/11/22 – Ascott
- 2/12/22 – Claydon
- 9/12/22 – Hartwell
- 16/12/22 – Mentmore

How you can support your child at home

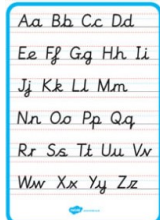
Reading:

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. There is also books on Bug Club Online for you to access. I update these every Friday.

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 during DEAR time.

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 celebrating differences and similarities and working together when learning and playing.

