



Waddesdon Village Primary School
Pathway to Excellence
Year R Curriculum Newsletter
Spring term two
Topic: Come outside



I hope you all had a lovely half-term break. We have another exciting term of learning ahead of us; including World Book Day and STEM week! This term we will be developing our understanding of the world around us and heading outside to get a closer look at mini-beasts and plants.

Understanding of the world

This term we will be developing our understanding of the natural world by exploring plants and animals (mini-beasts), making observations and drawing pictures of them. We will also explore mini-beasts habitats and observe seasonal changes. We will be focusing on what times are special and why. With a focus on why and how Easter and Ramadan are celebrated.

Weekly schedule

Monday: Miss King teaching
Reading books come home

Tuesday: Miss King teaching
Library visit

Wednesday: Miss King teaching

Thursday: Miss King teaching
PE kit instead of school uniform

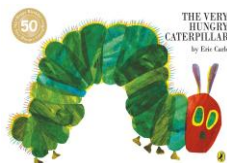
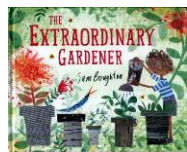
Friday: Miss Stainer teaching
Show and Tell

English

We will be developing our understanding of stories through learning and re-telling. We will also be developing reading strategies by looking at decoding unfamiliar words, longer words and using our reading to develop discussions about what we have read. Our key books this term will be:

- **The Extraordinary Gardener**
- **The Very Hungry Caterpillar**
- **The Bug Collector**
- **Super worm**

We will also begin to explore the structure of simple sentences and start to write our own applying our phonic knowledge. This term we are going to be authors and create our own picture books!



Mathematics

Pupils will continue to develop their subitising and counting skills and explore the composition of numbers within and beyond 5. They will begin to identify when two sets are equal or unequal and connect two equal groups to doubles. They will begin to connect quantities to numerals. We will also be practicing oral counting beyond 20 as well as ordering numbers and playing track games. We will be using positional language to give directions, as well as understanding the shapes and sizes of different items, through science investigations.



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Communication and Language;

We will be learning to listen to others opinions and put forward our own ideas, as well as ask and answer questions about stories we have read and listened to. We will also be learning the importance of communication in order to work well as a team.

Personal, Social and Emotional

We will be continuing to develop our ability to play co-operatively, as well as thinking about other people's feelings and consequences of different behaviour. We will be thinking about our dreams and goals. We will be focusing on our ability to show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be using junk modelling skills to create bird feeders. We will also be making pictures in the style of artist Van Gogh and illustrator Eric Carle.

In music our topic is music and movement. We will be exploring the concepts tempo, pitch and beat as well as adding actions to pieces of music.

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.

How you can support your child at home:

Please ensure you are reading the book that is sent home with your child at least 4 times. This is to ensure fluency. Please also continue to practise recognising and saying the phonics sounds that will be sent home with your child. The children have now learnt all of their Phase 2 and 3 sounds and need to be confident recognising them on their own and also within a word in a book they are reading.

Important Dates:

Thursday 5th March—World Book Day

Friday 6th March – Helicopter Stories Workshop

Thursday 9th March—Open afternoon 2:30pm

24th and 26th March—Parents evening