



Waddesdon Village Primary School
Pathway to Excellence
Year R Curriculum Newsletter
 Spring term one
 Topic: A ticket to ride



Happy New Year! I hope you all had an excellent break and are looking forward to a new and exciting term. We would like to thank you again for the kindness shown at the end of last term with our Christmas gifts and the thoughtful words in our cards - it is greatly appreciated! This half term our topic is 'A ticket to ride'.

Understanding of the world

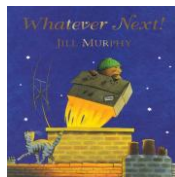
We will be developing our understanding of different types of transport, past and present. As well as developing our understanding of the role of an astronaut and learning about historical events and key figures e.g. Mae Jemison. We will also be exploring the planets in our solar system and comparing them.

English

We will be building up our confidence orally composing and writing sentences this half term, by reading a range of genres information, instructions and stories.

Our key books this term will be:

- Astro Girl
- Whatever next
- Little People Big Dreams—Tim Peake
- Little People Big Dreams—Mae Jemison
- Look up
- Field trip to the moon
- Aliens love underpants



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

Mathematics

We will continue to develop our subitising and counting skills and explore the composition of numbers within and beyond 5. We will begin to identify when two sets are equal or unequal and connect two equal groups to doubles. We will begin to connect quantities to numerals. We will also use the text Aliens Love Underpants to look at shapes and shape patterns.



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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. We will also be continuing with our weekly Talk Boost Speech sessions.

Physical Development

We will be continuing our Funky Fingers 4 times a week, where we focus on fine motor skills. We will be continuing to learn a variety of gymnastic skills, using large apparatus. We will continue to have access to physical development opportunities through our play also, such as the bikes and large construction.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be designing and making rockets, thinking about form and function. We will be learning how to combine a range of materials for different purposes.

Personal, Social and Emotional

We will be encouraging the children to think about their own feelings and those of others by giving examples of how others might feel in particular scenarios.

How you can support your child at home:

Please ensure you are practising the recognition of harder to read and spell words and taught phonemes at home.

Please remember to read the phonetic book at least 4 times across the week.

Important Dates:

Wednesday 21st January @ 3pm – Helicopter Stories Workshop

Tuesday 10th February – Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 11th February – Class R Space Day (letter to follow) and Pupil Parliament Bake Sale

Show and Tell Timetable

9/1/26 – Ascott
16/1/26 – Claydon
23/1/26 – Hartwell
30/1/26 – Mentmore
6/2/26 – Ascott
13/2/26 – Claydon