



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

Topic: Let's Celebrate



Phonics:

This term we will be learning the following new graphemes:
 J, v, w, x, y, z, zz, qu, ch, sh, th, ng, nk, ai, ee, igh
 and oa. We will be working extremely hard on
 recognising these sounds and previously taught
 sounds within words to blend them together to
 read words accurately.

Please continue to refer to the weekly sound
 recognition videos on tapestry to support with
 reading at home.
 Please also continue to practise recognising the
 HRS words that are sent home in your child's
 reading folder. Practising these will really support
 your child's progress.

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

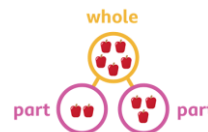
We will be looking at retelling stories related to
 events through acting/role play and instructions.
 We will be thinking about how stories have a
 beginning, middle and end. In phonics we will be
 blending sounds into words, so that we can read
 short words made up of known letter- sound
 correspondences.

Our key books this term will be:



Mathematics

This term we will be continuing with our
 mastering number programme. We will be
 continuing to develop our conceptual subitising
 skills, counting, comparing sets of objects and
 we will also be beginning to *identify wholes and
 parts*.



Understanding the World

We will be focusing on how people
 celebrate. We will focus on the religious
 festivals, Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas.





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Communication and Language;

We will be retelling stories using story language. We will be thinking about following instructions and understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important.

Physical Development

We will be continuing our Funky Fingers 4 times a week, where we focus on fine motor skills to strengthen our fingers for writing. We will continue to work on beginning to form letters correctly and practising pre-handwriting shapes. In PE we will be focussing on fundamental movement skills such as hopping, skipping, jumping and travelling.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be experimenting with colour by exploring 'pop art'. We will also be discussing firework sounds and safety and will create firework pictures thinking about the colours that we see.

We will also work on developing pretend story lines in our play through our role play areas.



Personal, Social and Emotional

We will be developing our ability to play co-operatively, as well as resolving conflicts. We will think about our emotions and how different scenarios make us feel.



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:

14th November – Children in Need, a yellow accessory

18th November – CR height and weight screening

24th November – Book fair (all week)

25th and 27th November – Parents Evening

8th December – EYFS and KS1 Dress Rehearsal

9th December- EYFS and KS1 afternoon performance – 2pm

10th December – EYFS and KS1 evening performance – 6pm

12th December – EYFS and KS1 party afternoon

19th December – Break up for Christmas

Show and Tell Timetable

7/11/25 – Claydon

14/11/25 – Hartwell

21/11/25 – Mentmore

28/11/25 – Ascott

5/12/25 – Claydon

12/12/25 – Hartwell

19/12/25 – Mentmore