



Waddesdon Village Primary School
Pathway to Excellence
Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter
Spring 2 2026

Topic: Fire! Fire!



We hope you had a lovely half term break!

Year 2 will be learning about The Great Fire of London and firefighters. If anyone is a firefighter, or knows anyone who can come in, we would love a visit from them!

Please get in touch.

Weekly schedules:

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

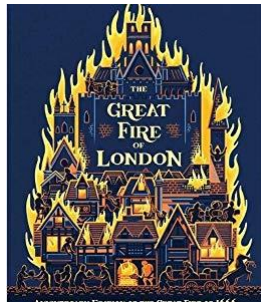
Library will be on a Monday.

Golden Time and Show and Tell is on a Friday.

Reading books will be changed on a Monday. Please bring in reading folders every day.

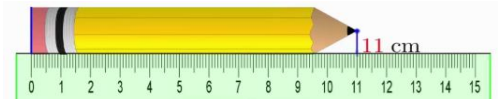
English

The children will focus on many different books this term when learning more about the Fire of London. We will look at a range of non-fiction books and stories about the fire of London. The children will use the internet to research this topic more so that we can write a diary entry about the fire. English and History will be heavily linked.



Mathematics

This term we will be continuing our work on multiplication and begin to look at division. We will be securing our knowledge and understanding of place value and explore measure.



Spelling

We will learn about the **two** roles of an apostrophe. We have already looked at one: contractions in words such as didn't. We will look at this again and also find out more about the possessive apostrophe.



We will continue to learn spelling rules adding a suffix on to words that end in 'e'.

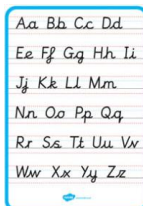
Art

We will continue to focus on colour and produce some fire artwork in the style of Georges Seurat: Pointillism as well as digital artwork in our computing sessions.



Handwriting

We are now learning to join our letters.






Computing

We will be working in the Paint Program in Purple Mash exploring some of the templates and functions alongside learning about artists (Monet, Mondrian and Seurat) and art movements.





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| <p>History</p> <p>We will be looking at the fire service and how it has developed since the Great Fire of London. We will learn about how it started and why it spread so quickly. We will also learn about Samuel Pepys and his diary and how London changed as a result of the fire. You may want to take a look at the Monument of the Great Fire of London online www.themonument.info/ or visit where the fire started.</p> |  | <p>PE</p> <p>The children are building on sending and receiving skills learnt in the Autumn term where they will look at ways of making it difficult for their opponent to score a point. They will begin to choose specific tactics and transfer net/wall skills. They will improve agility and coordination and use in a game.</p> |
| <p>Science</p> <p>The children will build on their knowledge of materials from year 1 and will identify objects that are made from natural, human-made and recyclable materials. They will investigate different materials and carry out experiments to find out the best uses of everyday materials.</p> |  | <p>Music</p> <p>This unit of work in Music helps children to develop their knowledge and understanding of dynamics using instruments; learn to compose and play rhythms to represent planets.</p>  |
| <p>PSHE</p> <p>We are focussing on Citizenship including looking at rules beyond school and in the community.</p> | <p>RE</p> <p>We will be learning more about Easter and the resurrection.</p> | |
| <p>How you can support your child at home</p> <p>Reading: When reading at home with your child, please focus on comprehension and understanding of the book after reading. The prompts in your child's reading folder can be used to help you discuss the text in different ways.</p> <p>Spelling: There is an information sheet in your child's reading folder about the spellings we practised in the previous term. We will also focus more on spelling the year 1 and 2 common exceptions words.</p> <p>Maths: Please continue to learn number bonds: pairs of numbers that make 10/20/100 and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. You could also begin to practise telling the time, including quarter past and quarter to the hour ready for our work next term.</p> | | |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Important Dates:</u></p> <p>Thursday 5th March - World Book Day Tuesday 10th March - Open Afternoon Thursday 19th March - Easter Disco Tuesday 24th March - Forest School trip 24th & 26th March - Parent's Evening</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Show and Tell Timetable</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">27/2/26 – Hartwell 6/3/26 – Mentmore 13/3/26 – Ascott 20/3/26 – Claydon 27/3/26 – Hartwell</p> | |