



Waddesdon Village Primary School

Pathway to Excellence

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 1 2026

Topic: Superheroes



Happy New Year!

This term, Class 2 will be learning about superheroes and real-life heroes.

Can you help?

We would like to have visits from people who work in the emergency services. Are you a police officer, nurse, doctor... or know someone who is? Please let us know as a visit from a real-life hero would enhance the topic.

Weekly schedules:

PE is now 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

Our key texts this term focuses on Superheroes:

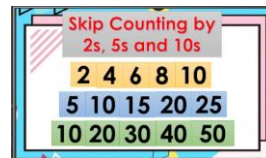
'Traction Man is Here' by Mini Grey and 'Supertato' by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet. We will be looking at character descriptions and story writing. We will develop an understanding of the use of adjectives and nouns.



In addition to this, children will also have regular handwriting and reading sessions.

Mathematics

This term we will develop our knowledge and understanding of multiplying and begin to divide. This will involve building on knowledge of counting in 2s to 24, 5s to 60 and 10s to 120. If this is something your child struggles with, please practise this at home to support their learning.



The children are also continuing to develop their skill in adding and subtracting amounts of money.

We will also continue to have weekly basic skills sessions, practising skills that are important in their mathematical knowledge. For example, number bonds/pairs of numbers that make 10.

Phonics and Spelling

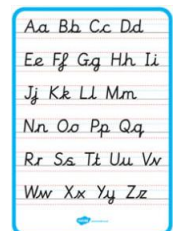
We will look at specific spellings of sounds learnt in year 1 phonic lessons. We will learn the spelling rule: 'double the consonant before adding a suffix'.

We will continue to investigate more homophones and near homophones. Finally, we will also focus on spelling words from the common exception word list. These spellings are in your child's reading folder. Please continue to practise spelling these words at home too.



Handwriting

We will continue to practise our cursive handwriting style. Before we can start to learn the joins, it is important that children form their letters correctly.













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<p>Art/DT Children will focus on colour and explore different ways to create their own pictures in a similar style to Roy Lichtenstein.</p>  <p>In DT, they will design and make a healthy wrap, linked to their work in science.</p>	<p>Computing Children will finish off their work on spreadsheets from last term and then look at different ways of 'Presenting Ideas'.</p> 	
<p>PE We will build on our work in gymnastics from last term. Children will develop their control of their body through a range of floor exercises. They will use core strength to link gymnastics elements and use rhythm while performing a sequence. They will also be developing ball skills when passing and dribbling.</p>  	<p>History – Nurturing Nurses In this unit, children will focus on real life heroes who work for the emergency services, and how this has developed through time. Children will learn about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.</p> 	
<p>Science We will learn more about healthy eating, having a balanced diet and a healthy lifestyle.</p> 	<p>PSHE - Health and Wellbeing Children will learn about the benefits of exercise and relaxation on physical health and wellbeing; strategies to manage different emotions, setting goals and developing a growth mindset.</p> 	
<p>Music This term we will learn folk songs and create sounds to represent three contrasting landscapes: seaside, countryside and city.</p>	<p>RE We will be learning more about the Jewish faith, respecting God and look at Jewish traditions of Passover.</p>	
<p>How you can support your child at home</p> <p>Reading: Daily reading is really important to help progress, especially in their understanding of what they read. In their reading folders, there will be question prompts to help you discuss the text in different ways. Books are checked daily so please continue to bring your books in every day.</p> <p>Spelling: We have regular spelling sessions in school and use a variety of different strategies to practise these. Regular practise of the Year 1 and Year 2 common exception words would be extremely beneficial. These words are in your child's reading folder and words to practise have been highlighted.</p> <p>Maths: Please continue to learn number bonds: pairs of numbers that make 10/20/100. Being able to count in 2s, 5s and 10s will help with the work we are doing in Maths this term and lead on to times tables.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Important Dates:</u></p> <p>10th Feb Safer Internet Day 4th Feb Superhero Day – come in dressed up as a superhero. You can create your own superhero and make a homemade costume or wear a costume you already have.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Show and Tell Timetable</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">9/1/26 – Ascott 16/1/26 – Claydon 23/1/26 – Hartwell 30/1/26 – Mentmore 6/2/26 – Ascott 13/2/26 – Claydon</p>	