



Waddesdon Village Primary School
Pathway to Excellence
Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn 1



Topic: Wish you were here!

Welcome back Class 2!

I hope you had a fantastic summer break!
 Our topic this term is 'Wish you were here!
 We will be learning about continents. If you have any postcards or photographs of places you have visited around the world including the UK, please bring them in for us to look at as this will enhance our learning. If anyone would like to come in and talk about living in a different country, we would love to hear from you.

Weekly schedules:

PE is on a Friday. The children will need to come dressed for outdoor PE sessions. They will have double PE on a Friday this term.
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 everyday.

English

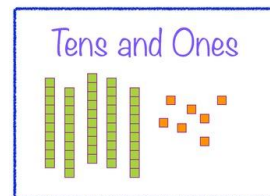
We will begin the term looking at the book 'Meerkat Mail'. This will link with our work in Geography. We will write postcards and link to our work in Computing researching and creating a fact file. The work we do on the books we study this term will also link with our Geography topic. We will be improving our writing using joining words: because, when, if, that...; using interesting sentence starters and the correct punctuation: capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks, question marks and using commas. In addition to this, children will continue to have phonics/spelling lessons. We will also have regular handwriting and reading sessions.



Mathematics

Children initially will recap some principles of the topics covered in year 1. This includes recapping areas like number bonds to 10, representing numbers and partitioning them.

They will secure and deepen their level of understanding of number and place value then move onto addition and subtraction calculations. This will initially be adding single digit numbers to two digit numbers.



Mrs Tennant will be teaching Shape on a Thursday.

Phonics and Spelling

This term we will recap on the alternative sounds the children looked at last year. We will focus on the spelling of these sounds too. In addition to this we will be practising spelling g/dge/ge, kn/gn/wr words and common words. Spelling lessons will take place three times a week as well as regular phonics sessions.



Geography

We will be building on the work done in Class 1 on countries in the UK and developing knowledge of the world by identifying the continents. This topic will link in with the work we do in English. We will be learning about adventurers and explorers today and in the past. We will be using atlases, maps and Google Earth to explore the world.







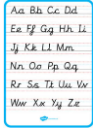


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<p>DT The children will make a vehicle that will travel across a particular terrain. Please could you send in any small boxes you have to help us make our vehicles? (smaller than a cereal box)</p> 	<p>Science This term our topic is all about animals needs for survival and some of the different habitats that we will look at in our Geography lessons.</p> 
<p>Computing Children will have a variety of e-safety activities and then learn about how to safely communicate and search online.</p> 	<p>PSHE We will be discussing our feelings, identifying them and looking at how we can regulate our emotions.</p> 
<p>Music We will be learning a traditional Ghanaian call and response song, recognising simple notation and composing animal-based call and response rhythms.</p>	<p>RE We will re-tell Bible stories that show kindness, and explore the question 'Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?'</p>
<p>PE This term Exposure Sports will be doing the two PE sessions on a Friday. One session will be a dance unit linked to polar animals and the other session will be developing the children's balls skills.</p>	<p>Handwriting We will continue to practise our cursive handwriting style. It is important that children form their letters correctly before they can join correctly. Please practise correct formation at home.</p> 
<p>How you can support your child at home? Reading: Children are encouraged to read as often as possible at home, preferably 15 minutes every day. This does not always have to be their reading book though. Listening to an adult read is also a valuable experience where they will hear a rich and varied vocabulary which will help develop their writing. We will change books weekly on a Monday. Unfortunately, if a book is not returned, your child will not receive a new one. Please write in their reading record when they have read so we know we can change the book. More information can be found in the Reading Record. Maths: Numbots is a great way for children to practise their addition and subtraction skills with a focus on number bonds. Your child's log in information can be found in their reading record book.</p>	
<p>Important Dates:</p> <p>26th Sept Macmillan coffee morning</p> <p>29th Sept Harvest food collection week</p> <p>3rd Oct Individual photographs</p> <p>24th Oct Last day of term</p>	<p>Show and Tell Timetable</p> <p>12/9/25 – Hartwell</p> <p>19/9/25 – Mentmore</p> <p>26/9/25 – Ascott</p> <p>3/10/25 – Claydon</p> <p>10/10/25 – Hartwell</p> <p>17/10/25 – Mentmore</p> <p>24/10/25 – Ascott</p>