



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

**Topic: Roald Dahl**

This term, Class 2 will be learning about:



If you haven't visited the Roald Dahl Gallery in Aylesbury, there are lots of fun things to do. We hope to visit the Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre in Great Missenden this term.

**Weekly schedule:**

**Please note changes to the PE schedule:  
Swimming is on a Tuesday. PE is on a Friday.**

**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**

As part of our topic, we will look at many different books written by Roald Dahl but our core text in English will be 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. Roald Dahl uses great vocabulary in his books so we will be looking at the kind of language he used and how imagination is such an important tool when writing his stories for children. Our writing will include a character description and instructions.



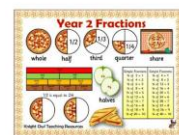
We will also look at some of his poetry.

In addition to this the children will have regular spelling and handwriting sessions.



**Mathematics**

In Mathematics this half term, we will be looking at division. After that, we will be finding fractions of shapes and amounts:  $1/2$ ,  $1/4$ ,  $1/3$ ,  $2/4$  and  $3/4$ . We will continue to recap on adding and subtracting two-digit numbers and look at weight and capacity. Times Tables Rock stars will begin this half term. More details will follow.



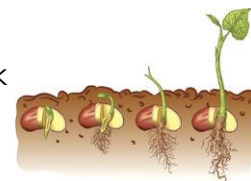
**Spelling**

We will continue to learn about spelling rules when adding the suffixes: -ment, -ly, -ful, -less and -ness. We will also continue to practise spelling the year 1 and 2 words. You will find information about the spellings we are learning in your child's reading folder.



**Science**

The children will identify what plants need to grow well and look at how plants grow in certain environments. We will be conducting experiments as to what conditions seeds need in order to thrive and grow. We will also be looking at how animals grow and change, visiting the school pond to watch the life cycle of a frog.



**Computing**

As we had problems with the iPads last term, we were not able to complete our topic using the Paint Program in Purple Mash so we will continue to focus on this. We will use some of the templates and functions alongside learning about artists (Monet, Mondrian and Seurat) and art movements.






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<p><b>History</b></p> <p>This half term we will be looking at the life of one of Britain's most famous children's authors, Roald Dahl. We will look at how a young Roald lived his life, and compare it to our lives as children today.</p> 	<p><b>Art</b></p> <p>In art this term our focus will be on drawing. We will look at the work of Sir Quentin Blake who illustrated many of Roald Dahl's children's books.</p> 
<p><b>PE</b></p> <p>This term Class 2 will have their swimming lessons on a Tuesday morning. <b>Please can all clothes be clearly labelled so clothes don't get mixed up on swimming days?</b> On a Friday, the children will improve running, jumping and throwing over increasing distances.</p>	<p><b>Music</b></p> <p>The children will develop an understanding of structure by exploring and ordering rhythms. The theme is 'Myths and legends'.</p>
<p><b>PSHE - Economic Wellbeing</b></p> <p>We will be learning about where money comes from, how to look after money and why we use banks and building societies.</p> 	<p><b>RE</b></p> <p>This term, the theme is 'Community and Belonging'. We will learn more about why Muslims visit the mosque.</p>
<p><b>How you can support your child at home</b></p> <p><b>Reading:</b> Please encourage your child to take part in the reading rocket challenge! Children are encouraged to read as often as possible at home, preferably ten minutes every day. It's great that they are reading for pleasure at home but please also read the book that gets sent home from the reading scheme as it is particularly chosen to focus on a specific skill your child needs to practise or is a good book to develop their comprehension skills. Listening to an adult read is also a valuable experience. Here they will hear a rich and varied vocabulary which will help develop their writing. Please don't forget to sign and write a comment in their reading record letting us know what you have read. We will not swap a book if it has not been read at home.</p> <p><b>Spelling:</b> It would be beneficial to practise spelling year 1 and 2 common exception words at home.</p> <p><b>Maths:</b> A letter will be sent home about using Times Tables Rockstars at home. Your child will be practising the 10-, 2- and 5-times tables as well as corresponding divisions. You can still also use Numbots at home.</p>	
<p><b><u>Important Dates:</u></b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 5th May</b> – Class photos</p> <p><b>Friday 15th May</b> – Trip to The Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre</p>	<p><b><u>Show and Tell</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Timetable</u></b></p>
<p>Just a reminder following the <b>uniform update</b>, it is important we foster a sense of belonging and pride within our school community. Children need to be in the correct uniform as per the policy that has been sent out. If your child doesn't have the correct uniform, they will be given something from the 'spare uniform box'. I kindly ask that all uniform is labelled so we can return any missing items to the correct child.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you for your understanding and support.</p>	<p><b>17/4/26 – Mentmore</b></p> <p><b>24/4/26 – Ascott</b></p> <p><b>1/5/26 – Claydon</b></p> <p><b>8/5/26 – Hartwell</b></p> <p><b>15/5/26 – Mentmore</b></p> <p><b>22/5/26 – Ascott</b></p>