



# Waddesdon Village Primary School

## Pathway to Excellence

### Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

#### Summer 2 2026

### Topic: Detecting Nature

This term we hope to do some outdoor learning linked to our Science topic. We will become nature detectives looking at the environment around us and our school pond.



#### Weekly schedule:

**Swimming is on a Tuesday. PE is on a Friday.**

**Library is on a Monday.**

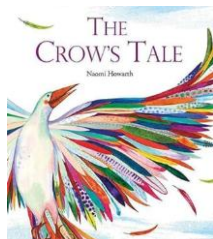
**Golden Time and Show and Tell is on a Friday.**

**Reading books will be changed on a Monday.**

Please bring in reading folders every day.

#### English

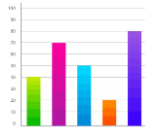
As part of our topic, we will look at a range of books about woodland and gardens. Our main focus will be descriptive and story writing. The core text is *The Crow's Tale* by Naomi Howarth.



In addition to this, children will continue to have regular spelling lessons and reading sessions. We will also have regular handwriting sessions joining letters. They are not expected to join every letter in a word. This will not be encouraged.

#### Mathematics

This term we will continue looking at measures. We will start work on time and also look at position and direction and statistics, creating pictograms and block charts. All these topics will link to our work in science and geography.



We will also be securing our knowledge and understanding of adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing and solving word problems.

Every Friday we will continue to have a times tables test. The completed test will be sent home each week.

#### Spelling

We will be securing our knowledge of the different spelling patterns and continue to work on adding suffixes to root words. -y, -er, -est, -ness, -ful, -less



You will find information about the spellings we learnt last term and what we will be learning, in your child's reading folder.

#### Science

The children will continue to learn about animals and living things in our school environment. We will look more at growing seeds and continue our investigations on how plants grow well. We will explore the environment around us, including the school pond. Also, we will look at how animals including humans, grow and change.



#### PE

We will continue to have our Swimming lessons on a Tuesday. On a Friday, they will develop their skills using a bat and ball. They will also be practising multi-skills in preparation for sports day.

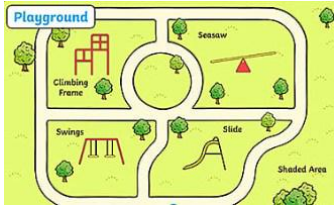
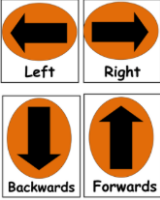
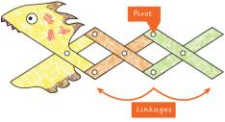




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<p><b>Geography</b> This half term we will be looking at maps and plans, linking it to our science work where we will map out where living things are in the school grounds.</p> 	<p><b>Computing</b> This term the children will finish off the topic on coding from last term. They will then build on the work in maths on statistics and create pictograms and binary trees in computing.</p> 
<p><b>DT</b></p>  <p>We will learn about pivots, levers and linkages to make a moving monster.</p>	<p><b>Music</b></p>  <p>The children will explore patterns in pitch using tuned percussion and reading simple symbols representing high and low sounds.</p>
<p><b>PSHE - Changing Me</b> We will look at how we change and grow. We will also build on work already done in Science on life cycles.</p>	<p><b>RE</b> We will be learning more about belonging and special journeys, like the Hajj.</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. Please continue to read books for pleasure but 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. Please don't forget to sign the reading record. 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. The list is in your child's reading folder.</p> <p><b>Maths:</b> Please enjoy games on Times Tables Rockstars. In year 2 your child will be practising the 10, 2 and 5 times tables as well as corresponding divisions. They will be tested on this every Friday. It is important that your child knows the pairs of numbers that make 10/20 before they move in to Year 3 so please practise those at home.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Important Dates:</u></b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Multi-Skills event (more information to follow)</p> <p><b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b> – Open Afternoon at 2:30pm</p> <p><b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b> – Sports Day (morning)</p> <p><b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b> – Transition Day (in Year 3)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Show and Tell Timetable</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5/6/26 – Claydon</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>12/6/26 – Hartwell</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>19/6/26 – Mentmore</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>26/6/26 – Ascott</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3/7/26 – Claydon</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>10/7/26 – Hartwell</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>17/7/26 – Mentmore</b></p>