



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

Topic: Castles and Dragons



Welcome back to Class 1!

Welcome back!
I hope you had a wonderful half-term break!

Our topic this term is 'Castles and Dragons'
We are going to be learning all about the history
and design of castles and their locations in the
country.

Weekly schedules:

PE is on a Monday and a Friday. The children will need to come dressed for PE sessions in suitable clothing for the weather.

Library will be on a Tuesday.

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 start off looking at 'Dare to care: Pet Dragon' by MP Robertson and then Zog by Julia Donaldson
This term we will be continuing to develop our use of interesting and exciting vocabulary.



We will be practicing using word endings such as -ed and -ing as well as continuing to focus on capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.

We are going to be using our new knowledge about castles to write an information text this half term, thinking about the features of non-fiction writing and how we can organise our ideas under a heading.

In addition to this, children will have daily phonics and handwriting sessions.

Mathematics

This term we will begin to work on fractions finding halves of shapes, amounts or objects. We will also be looking at recognising and finding a quarter of a shape, object or amount. In particular, we will be focusing on our use of mathematical vocabulary with fractions, ready for more detailed work in Year 2.

We will then move on to focusing on position and direction, including whole, half and three quarter turns. We will practice using positional vocabulary such as left, right and middle.

The children will also learn to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour as well as drawing the hands on a clock face to show these times.



Phonics



In year 1, we continue with the daily phonics lesson that the children began in reception, using the ELS phonics scheme.

This half term we will be revising and consolidating our knowledge of graphemes from across all phases and extending our work on blending.

Humanities

This term our topic is 'Kings and Queens'. We will be learning about the lives of Queen Victoria and Elizabeth I and their contributions and achievements as part of British history. We will also be learning more about Queen Elizabeth II.



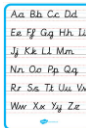


We will also learn about Edward the Confessor, King Harold and William, as we start to look at The Battle of Hastings.

We will learn more about the UK looking at maps. We will be identifying where in the country there are significant castles, including Warwick Castle!



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<p>Art/DT</p> <p>This term we will be using a variety of different materials to explore gargoyles and to sculpt our own using clay and also looking at designing and building a castle to make it as strong as possible.</p>		<p>Science</p> <p>This half term we will be thinking about where our food comes from. We will be linking our learning about plants to investigations about different edible plants.</p>
<p>Computing</p>  <p>This term we will be working on 'animated story books' and considering how we can use technology to bring our learning to life.</p>	<p>PSHE</p> <p>Our theme for this term is 'Safety and the Changing Body' and we will be thinking about how we can keep ourselves safe and the adults who help to keep us safe.</p>	
<p>Music</p> <p>This term we have a 'By the Sea' theme. The children will understand how music can represent changes in an environment, select instruments to match seaside sounds, recognise and use dynamics and tempo when listening to and performing a song.</p>	<p>RE</p>  <p>This term we will be exploring the Jewish celebration 'Chanukah' and looking at the different elements of the celebration.</p>	
<p>PE</p> <p>In PE our focus this term will be on Games and multi skills, getting us ready for sports day!</p>	<p>Handwriting</p> <p>This half term, we will be focusing on embedding the pre-cursive letter formation that we have learned.</p> 	
<p>How you can support your child at home?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 align="center">Important Dates</p> <p>Tuesday 23rd June – Open Afternoon at 2:30pm</p> <p>Tuesday 30th June – Forest Schools</p> <p>Friday 3rd July – Sports Day (morning)</p> <p>Tuesday 7th July – Transition Day (in Year 2)</p>	<p align="center">5/6/26 – Claydon 12/6/26 – Hartwell 19/6/26 – Mentmore 26/6/26 – Ascott 3/7/26 – Claydon 10/7/26 – Hartwell 17/7/26 – Mentmore</p>	<p align="center">Uniform</p> <p>Please can we ask that all items of uniform are named in order to help us return them to the correct person, especially jumpers.</p>