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

Topic: Let's Celebrate



Phonics:
This term we will be learning the following new graphemes:
J, v, w, x, y, z, zz, qu, ch, sh, th, ng, nk, ai, ee, igh and oa. We will be working extremely hard on recognising these sounds and previously taught sounds within words to blend them together to read words accurately.

Please practise with you children to help them recognise the HRS words that will be sent home in the coming weeks. Practising these will really support your child's progress.

Weekly schedule

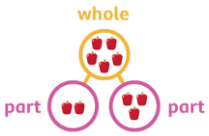
Monday:	Miss Allen teaching Reading books come home
Tuesday:	Miss Allen teaching Library visit
Wednesday:	Miss Allen teaching
Thursday:	Miss Allen teaching PE kit instead of school uniform
Friday:	Miss Stainer teaching Show and Tell

English
We will be looking at retelling stories related to events through acting/role play and instructions. We will be thinking about how stories have a beginning, middle and end. In phonics we will be blending sounds into words, so that we can read short words made up of known letter– sound correspondences.

Our key books this term will be:



Mathematics
This term we will be continuing with our mastering number programme. We will be continuing to develop our conceptual subitising skills, counting, comparing sets of objects and we will also be beginning to *identify wholes and parts.*



Understanding the World
We will be focusing on how people celebrate. We will focus on the religious festivals, Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas.



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Communication and Language;

We will be retelling stories using story language. We will be thinking about following instructions and understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important.

Physical Development

We will be continuing our Funky Fingers 4 times a week, where we focus on fine motor skills to strengthen our fingers for writing. We will continue to work on beginning to form letters correctly and practising pre-handwriting shapes. In PE we will be focussing on fundamental movement skills such as hopping, skipping, jumping and travelling.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be experimenting with colour by exploring 'pop art'. We will also be discussing firework sounds and safety and will create firework pictures thinking about the colours that we see.

We will also work on developing pretend story lines in our play through our role play areas.



Personal, Social and Emotional

We will be developing our ability to play co-operatively, as well as resolving conflicts. We will think about our emotions and how different scenarios make us feel.



How you can support your child at home:

Please ensure you are practising the recognition of harder to read and spell words and taught phonemes at home.

Please remember to read the phonetic book at least 4 times across the week.

Important Dates:

10th November – Class R Open afternoon
13th November – Children in Need (Wear yellow accessory)
4th December – Christmas jumper day
7th December- EYFS concert at 2:30pm
17th December – EYFS and KS1 party afternoon
18th December – Break up for Christmas

6/11/26 – Mentmore
13/11/26 – Ascott
20/11/26 – Claydon
27/11/26 – Hartwell
4/12/26 – Mentmore
11/12/26 – No Show and Tell due to the PAWS Winter Warmer at 2pm
18/12/26 – Ascott