



Waddell Class

Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 2026



Welcome to the Autumn term, we hope that you have had a lovely summer. We will spend the first few weeks settling into routines and getting to know each other. Our topics this term are 'Martin Waddell' (Autumn 1) and 'All About Me' (Autumn 2).



Communication and Language

- We will be learning to sing songs and join in with rhymes.
- We will be learning to listen to stories and talk about what happens.
- We will be learning to use new words when we speak.
- We will be learning to listen carefully and respond with questions and comments.
- We will be learning to take turns in conversations with adults and friends.
- We will be learning to share our ideas and speak in full sentences.



Physical Development

- We will be learning to move in different ways, such as running, jumping, climbing and dancing.
- We will be learning to develop our balance, coordination and ball skills.
- We will be learning to use large movements for activities like painting and mark making.
- We will be learning to use small tools, such as pencils, scissors and paintbrushes, with control.
- We will be learning to become more independent when dressing and taking care of ourselves.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- We will be learning to follow rules and understand why they are important.
- We will be learning to become more independent in our daily routines and self-care.
- We will be learning to talk about our feelings and understand the feelings of others.
- We will be learning to build positive relationships and play cooperatively with others.
- We will be learning to listen carefully and follow instructions.



Understanding the World

- We will be learning to talk about our families and our own life experiences.
- We will be learning to notice and respect similarities and differences between people and communities.
- We will be learning to explore the world around us, including nature, seasons and changes.
- We will be learning to talk about people's jobs and roles in our community.
- We will be learning to describe what we see using new vocabulary.



Mathematics

- We will be learning to count, recognise numbers and understand how numbers are made.
- We will be learning to compare amounts using words like more, fewer and the same.
- We will be learning to recognise small groups of objects without counting.
- We will be learning to explore patterns and shapes.
- We will be learning to talk about position, measure and number in our play.



Literacy

- We will be learning to enjoy books and understand how they are used.
- We will be learning to listen to stories and talk about what happens.
- We will be learning to use new words from stories and rhymes.
- We will be learning letter sounds and begin to read simple words.
- We will be learning to write letters and begin to spell simple words.



Expressive Arts and Design

- We will be learning to explore and use different materials to create our own ideas.
- We will be learning to join materials and experiment with colour and texture.
- We will be learning to take part in imaginative play and use props in our stories.
- We will be learning to sing songs and join in with rhymes and music.
- We will be learning to perform songs, stories and movements with others.



Religious Education

Our questions for this term are:

- Why is the word 'God' so important to Christians?
- Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas?

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Home Learning Ideas

Send pictures of your home learning on Class Dojo so we can share it with the rest of the class! Don't forget about all of the other great ideas for things that you can do at home in the Waddell 'How to help your child to make the best possible progress' letter too!

Activity One

Read or listen to a Martin Waddell book.



Activity Two

Draw a picture of your family.



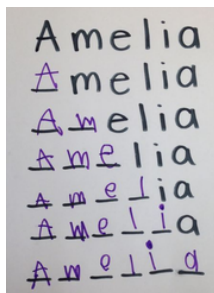
Activity Three

Look at a photo of you as a baby and notice how you have changed.



Activity Four

Write your name.



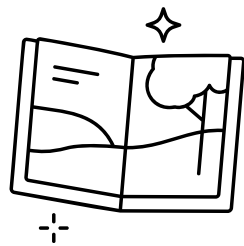
Activity Five

Go on a number hunt at home or outside.



Activity Six

Help your grown up with a job at home.



Some of the books we will be reading this term:

