



Valley Primary School
Growing and Learning together to be
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Nursery Newsletter

Summer First Half Term 2025

Communication and Language

- Take part in short exchanges with others – listening and responding.



Physical development

- Able to climb up, walk across and jump off climbing equipment with support.
- Use a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils.
- Show a preference for a dominant hand.

Expressive arts and design

- Explore different materials freely, in order to develop their ideas about how to use them and what to make.
- Remember and sing entire songs.
- Show different emotions in their drawings and paintings, like happiness, sadness, fear etc.

Literacy

Text Focus: *What the Ladybird Heard* and *The Train Ride*

- Phase One Phonics – Aspect 7.
- Develop their phonological awareness, so that they can: – spot and suggest rhymes – count or clap syllables in a word – recognise words with the same initial sound, such as money and mother.
- Hear and say some initial sounds.
- Beginning to orally blend.

Maths

- Fast recognition of up to 3 objects, without having to count them individually ('subitising').
- Compare quantities using language: 'more than', 'fewer than'.
- Discuss routes and locations, using words like 'in front of' and 'behind'.
- Describe a familiar route.

Personal, social and emotional development

- Develop appropriate ways of being assertive.
- Begin to understand how others might be feeling.
- Talk about their feelings using words like 'angry' or 'worried'.

Important Information

- Dates –

Friday 16th May – World Cultural Diversity Day (Details to follow)

Wednesday 21st May – Attwell Farm trip.

- PE – Tuesday morning for 30 hours and Wednesday morning for 15 hours.
- Pumps should stay in school and ear rings should be taken out or covered with plasters. Please be reminded that all clothes items, bags and water bottles should be clearly labelled.
- Library books – Your child will continue to bring home a library book to share with you every Tuesday. Please return it on the following Tuesday so that your child can choose a new book.

- Our Value this half term: Kindness

- Our Life Skill this half term: Home Management Skills

Understanding the world

- Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.
- Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary.