



Valley Primary School
Growing and Learning together to be
the best we can be!
ASPIRE... ENJOY...
ACHIEVE...CHALLENGE!

Reception Newsletter

Summer Second Half Term 2025

Communication and language

- Speak in full sentences using the past, present and future tense
- Extend sentences by using conjunctions such as 'or' and 'because'
- Use the vocabulary introduced during carpet sessions

SAFARI ADVENTURE

Literacy

Text Focus: Handa's Surprise and The Leopard Drum.

- Read words that include set 2 sounds
- Write words that include set 2 sounds
- Write simple sentences that can be read by themselves and others
- Re-read their writing to check it makes sense
- Show an understanding of what they have read through discussion

Maths

Key Instant Recall Fact: I can say my doubles to 5.

- Understand the concept of doubling
- Understand the concept of sharing and grouping
- Be able to visualise and build a model
- Verbally count to 20 and beyond
- Automatically recall number bonds to 10
- Use simple map skills

Physical Development

- Create their own obstacle course, showing increased balance and coordination as they negotiate them
- Move in a variety of ways including hopping and skipping
- Show increased fluency within their writing, using a correct tripod grip

Expressive Arts and Design

- Revisit the Charanga units covered so far, looking at the History of music
- Use available materials to invent their own narratives
- Design their own pieces, discussing the creative process they undertook

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Be able to follow instructions with several parts
- Focus on what another person is saying, even when engaged in an activity

Important Information:

Trip to Twycross Zoo – Grylls and half of Aston (12th June).
Peake and the rest of Aston (19th June)

Sports Day – 24th June

PE - Thursday (Grylls), Thursday (Peake) and Thursday (Aston).

- All PE kits must stay in school in a plain purple or black draw string bag. Earrings must be taken out or covered with plasters before school on your PE day.
- All clothes items, bags and water bottles should be clearly labelled with the child's first and last name. We cannot return lost property unless it is named.

Reading – Please listen to your child read at least three times a week and sign the reading diary to earn rewards.

Library books – Children visit the library in school every **Thursday**. Please ensure they have their library book in school. Read the book with your child several times so that they can become familiar with it and begin to join in familiar parts. Please return it the following Thursday.

Our Value this half term: Courage

Our Life Skill this half term: Interpersonal Skills

Understanding the World

- Explore the signs of Summer within the school grounds
- Talk about similarities and differences between life in this country and life in African countries
- Talk about similarities and differences between contrasting environments
- Talk about similarities and differences between different cultures
- Draw information from a simple map