Valley Primary School

Growing and Learning together to be the best we can be!

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Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn Second Half Term 2024

English

Text Focus: Skellig by David Almond

- Focus text type: Argument.
- Additional text type: Informal letter and character description.
- Use subordinating and coordinating conjunctions.
- Use commas to clarify meaning.
- Use apostrophes for possession and contraction.
- Use modal verbs
- Use a range of clauses for variety in writing.

Maths

Key Instant Recall Fact: I can find factor pairs of a number.

Number: Fractions

- Equivalent fractions.
- Improper fractions and mixed numbers.
- Converting fractions.
- Comparing and ordering fractions.
- Adding fractions.
- Subtracting fractions.

Healthy Schools

Science - Forces

- Investigate gravity and the difference between mass and weight, as well as air resistance and friction.

P.E.

- Take part in partner and team games with a focus on communication and tactics
- Improve and develop skills in dance.

Topic

Key Focus Subject: Design + Technology and History

D.T.

- Research and taste Greek ingredients/food.
- Design and make a pitta bread meal as part of cooking and nutrition.

History

Enquiry question: What did Ancient Greeks achieve and what impact did it have on the western world?

- Learn about life in Sparta and Athens and Ancient Greek culture.
- Discover the achievements of the Ancient Greeks.
- Understand Ancient Greek influence on the wider world.

Important Information

Dates – Book Fayre – **November 14th to 20th**
Pyjama Tales (middle and upper phase)– **14th November 5pm-5.45pm**
Guitar Concert (Holst) – **12th December**
Christmas Calendar of Events to be shared separately.

Reading – Please read with your child at least three times a week and sign the reading diary to earn rewards.
Mathletics – Homework set weekly. Due each Monday morning.
Library –
Holst: Thursday. **Lynn**: Tuesday. **Webber**: Tuesday

SMSC

Our Key School Value this half term: Collaboration
Our Life Skill this half term: Physical Health

P.S.H.E.

- Cultural Differences & How They Can Cause Conflict

R.E.

- Theme: Christmas and Incarnation
- Religion: Christianity

M.F.L.

- Know language relating to ourselves.
- Describe a birthday celebration.

Personal Development

Mental Health and Well-being

- Developing breathing techniques and mindfulness activities.

Computing

- Developing use of code.

Music

- Analysing and singing a range of different genres of music
- Learning guitar.