Valley Primary School

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

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Year 5 Newsletter

Spring Second Half Term 2025

English

Text Focus: *There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom* by Louis Sachar

- Focus text types: Instructions and Procedure
- Additional text types: Persuasion and Diary
  - Subordinating and coordinating conjunctions
  - Formal tone and language
  - Commas
  - A range of clauses
  - Cohesive devices
  - Subjunctive Form
  - Persuasive language

Maths

Key Instant Recall Fact: **I can recall square numbers up to 12x12 and their square roots.**

- Number: Decimals and Percentages

Ordering and comparing decimals, rounding decimals to the nearest whole and 1 decimal place, percentages as fractions, percentages as decimals, equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages.

- Measurement: Perimeter and area

Perimeter of rectilinear shapes, perimeter of polygons, area of rectangles and compound shapes.

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Times Tables Rock Star Focus: 11 and 12 times tables.

Healthy Schools

Science

- Living Things – Life Cycles
- Understanding the key similarities and differences in the life cycles of different animals and plants.

P.E.

- Outdoor Volleyball- using tactics and selecting to use the skills of throwing, catching and digging during a rally.
- Indoor Dance- use actions, dynamics and space to create movements

Topic

Key Focus Subject: British Values

Art

- Analyse and explore different artistic styles using a digital programme and state my preferences.
- Analyse and explore the artwork of Elizabeth Catlett and Nina Lazarou.
- Explore human proportion and sketch to portray movement and form.
- Create and evaluate a wire sculpture.

History

- Investigate why World War 2 began.
- Explore key events during WW2 and their significance.
- Understand the significance of the Battle of Britain.
- Find out how trade was affected and rationing.
- Investigate the changing role of women.

Important Information:

Dates – **World Book Day –** Thursday 6th March
Science Day – Tuesday 11th March
Parent's Evening – 25th and 27th March
PE – **Lynn** – Tuesday and Wednesday
Holst – Monday and Tuesday
Webber – Monday and Wednesday
Pupils attend school wearing their PE kit for the full school day. Pumps should be left in school.
Reading books – Please read with your child at least three times a week and sign the reading diary to earn rewards.
Library – Tuesday
Please ensure children bring their books in when they are ready to change them.

SMSC

Our Key School Value this half term:
Honesty
Our Life Skill this half term: Decision Making Skills

R.E.

- Religion: Christianity
- Theme: Easter
- Concept: Salvation

PSHE

- Smoking, alcohol and healthy choices
- Basic first aid

MFL

- School Life
- Describe your school day

Personal Development

Mental Health and Well-being

- Breathing and Mindfulness

Music

- Living on a Prayer/Rock Music
- Fresh Prince/Hip Hop Music
- Guitars

Computing

- Animation