



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

Literacy

Text Focus: *The Gigantic Turnip, Bog Baby*

- Phase 1 phonics, activities from aspects 1-6.
- Trace and copy-write name.
- Use vocabulary linked to books e.g. book, pages, front cover, words, pictures, title.
- Begin to recognise some words with the same initial sound.

Maths

- Begin to describe a sequence of events, real or fictional, using words such as 'first', 'then...'
- Show 'finger numbers' up to 5.
- Link numerals and amounts: for example, showing the right number of objects to match the numeral, up to 5.

Personal, social and emotional development

- Increasingly follow rules, understanding why they are important.
- Develop their sense of responsibility and membership of a community.

Nursery's Newsletter

Spring Second Half Term 2024

Communication and Language

- Enjoy listening to stories in small groups and can remember much of what happens.
- Retell past events but may continue to have problems with irregular tenses and plurals, such as 'runned' for 'ran', 'swimmed' for 'swam'.

BRITISH COUNTRYSIDE

Physical development

- Go up steps and stairs, or climb up apparatus, using alternate feet.
- Use one-handed tools and equipment, for example, making snips in paper with scissors.
- Use mark making equipment with increasing accuracy e.g. shapes or simple pictures.

Understanding the world

- Plant seeds and care for growing plants. Relate to past events in the growth cycle.
- Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.
- Explore how things work.

Important Information:

- Wednesday morning is PE for both Nursery classes.
- PE 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.
- Home Learning – Please check Teams for ongoing Around the World Home Learning topic based activities, as well as activities related to life skills and mental health.
- Library books – Your child will continue to bring home a library book to share with you every week. Both Nursery groups will now be doing this on Wednesdays. Please return it on the following Wednesday so that your child can choose a new book.
- Our Value this half term: Honesty.
- Our Life Skill this half term: Decision Making Skills.

Expressive arts and design

- Make imaginative and complex 'small worlds' with blocks and construction kits, such as a city with different buildings and a park.
- Join different materials and explore different textures.
- Sing the melodic shape (moving melody, such as up and down, down and up) of familiar songs.
- Draw with increasing complexity and detail, such as representing a face with a circle and including details.