



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

Literacy

Text Focus: *Astro Girl and Naughty Bus*

- Understand that print has meaning.
- Understand that print can have different purposes – e.g. in role play area, labels on drawers, books.
- Discriminate between some environmental and instrumental sounds.

Maths

- Make comparisons between objects relating to size, length, weight and capacity.
- Combine shapes to make new ones – an arch, a bigger triangle etc.
- Talk about and explore 2D and 3D shapes (for example, circles, rectangles, triangles and cuboids) using informal and mathematical language: 'sides', 'corners', 'straight', 'flat', 'round', 'sharp corner', 'pointy', 'curvy'.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Become more outgoing with unfamiliar people, in the safe context of their setting.
- Play with one or more other children, extending and elaborating play ideas.
- Share resources with friends.
- Learn how to wash and dry hands thoroughly.

Nursery Newsletter

Autumn Second Half Term 2023

Communication and Language

- Express wants and needs, such as asking for particular resources.
- Use talk to organise themselves and their play: "Let's go on a bus... you sit there... I'll be the driver."
- Join in with repeated refrains of familiar stories.

OUR COMMUNITY AND ITS PEOPLE

Physical Development

- Balance on one leg for a short time.
- Balance on equipment e.g. walk along bench in hall.
- Use two hands to pick up heavy objects.
- Understand and practise safety measures in our school environment.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Begin to develop complex stories using small world equipment like animal sets, dolls and dolls houses.
- Listen with increased attention to sounds.
- Explore colour and colour-mixing.
- Learn how sounds can be changed.
- Enjoy taking part in a performance.

Important Information:

Dates

Nursery Topic & Engage Dress Up – 7th November
Bedtime Stories – 21st November.
Nursery Christmas Performance – 11th December.

PE

Both nursery groups: **Wednesday morning.**
PE pumps should stay in school in a plain black or purple drawstring bag and earrings should be taken out or covered with plasters before arriving at school each Wednesday.

Library books – Please read this with your child several times so that they can become familiar with it and begin to join in repeating phrases. Encourage them to tell you the story once they know it well. Please return it the following week on a Wednesday for Whittle and Thursday for Starley.

Name labels

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.

Our Value this half term: Collaboration

Our Life Skill this half term: Physical Health

Understanding the World

- Talk about and notice features of our own world, such as the changing seasons.
- Enjoy exploring bulbs and planting them.
- Begin to make sense of own life story and family's history.
- Show an interest in different occupations.