



**Valley Primary School**  
Growing and Learning together  
to be the best we can be!  
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## Year 4 Newsletter

### Autumn First Half Term 2023

#### Healthy Schools

##### Science

- Recognise that living things can be grouped in different ways.
- Explore and use classification keys to group and identify living things

##### P.E.

- Perform actions, balances, body shapes and agilities with precision and control
- Perform dance moves in time to music

#### English

Text Focus: The Iron Man by Ted Hughes

- Write a diary entry
- Recap features of and write a newspaper report
- Create expanded noun phrases
- Use similes to add detail
- Punctuate direct speech
- Write captions to annotate pictures

#### Maths

Key Instant Recall Fact: I know the multiplication and division facts for the 6x table.

##### Place Value

- Recognise the value of each digit in a four-digit number (thousands, hundreds, tens and ones)
- Round any number to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000.
- Recognise Roman numerals to 100.

##### Addition and Subtraction

- Add and subtract 4 digit numbers using formal written methods where appropriate
- Solve addition and subtraction two step problems in context, deciding which operations and methods to use.

Times Tables Rock Star Focus: x3, x4 and x8

### INVADERS AND TRADERS



#### Topic

Key Focus Subjects: History, DT and Art

##### Art

- Discuss and imitate visual representations of Roman mosaics to create a mosaic using an outline

##### D.T.

- Research Roman catapult designs
- Draw and label a sketch of a Roman catapult
- Assemble, join and combine materials and components to make my catapult.

##### History

**Enquiry question: How did being part of the Roman Empire impact Britain?**

- Investigate key events of the Roman invasions
- Compare the impact of two Roman leaders
- Investigate key events in Boudicca's rebellion

#### Important Information:

Dates – Year 4 Curriculum evening – **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 6pm.**

Parents' Evenings – **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October** and **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

PE – Outdoor PE: **Monday & Wednesday** – Newton 4, **Wednesday** – Hawking 4, **Wednesday** – Sharman 4  
Swimming: Hawking 4, Tuesday, Sharman 4 Thursday  
**Pupils are asked to come into school wearing their outdoor PE kit for the full school day. Shorts and pumps should be left in school.**

Library – Please bring in library books to be changed on your class day. **Wednesday** – Hawking 4, **Wednesday** – Sharman 4, **Thursday** – Newton 4

Reading – Please read at least three times a week and get an adult to fill in the reading diary to start earning reading rewards.

#### SMSC

Our Value this half term: Responsibility

Our Life Skill this half term: Mental Health

##### P.S.H.E.

- Know how to keep myself emotionally healthy and to manage stress / pressure

##### R.E.

- Make links between Buddhist beliefs
- Reflect on my beliefs and give opinions

##### M.F.L.

- Learn language related to the weather

#### Personal Development

Mental Health and Well-being

- Focus on breathing and mindfulness

##### Computing

- Plan and write a program for a specific purpose

##### Music

- Create a composition that tells a story