



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

Spring First Half Term 2024

English

Text Focus: *The Lion, the Unicorn and other Hairy Tales*

- Understand the language, structure and presentation features of different stories.
- Create persuasive arguments using appropriate features.
- Create poems based on the characters from the text.
- Extend sentences using fronted adverbials to give more detail.
- Use inverted commas for speech.
- Use apostrophes for singular and plural possession.

Maths

Key Instant Recall Fact: I can multiply by 10 and 100

Measurement: Area

- Measure the area of rectilinear shapes.

Number: Multiplication and division

- 11 and 12 times tables.
- Multiplying 3 numbers.
- Factor pairs.
- Written multiplication.

Measurement: Fractions

- Recognise fractions of shapes, numbers and amounts.

Healthy Schools

Science

- Compare and group materials together which are solids, liquids or gases.
- Observe changes of state when heated or cooled.
- Measure or research the temperature at which heating or cooling happens in degrees Celsius ($^{\circ}\text{C}$).
- Understand the processes of evaporation and condensation in the water cycle.

P.E.

- Move a ball around our bodies with control.
- Take part in outdoor and adventurous activity challenges both individually and within a team.



Topic

Focus Subject: Art and Design

Art and Design

- Discuss and imitate the artwork of Gaudi.
- Create a Gaudi inspired animal on acetate.
- Design and create a Gaudi inspired clay pot using the coiling technique.
- Make appropriate tool choices to add pattern to a Gaudi inspired clay pot.

Design & Technology

- Analyse Gaudi's stain glass windows.
- Plan a Gaudi inspired lantern.
- Join and combine my Gaudi-inspired lantern materials with electrical components.
- Share my lantern with an audience to gain feedback.

Important Information:

Dates – Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda trip – **Tuesday 6th February** Hawking and Newton. **Thursday 8th February** Sharman

Thursday 8th February 14:45 Topic Express event (parents invited)

PE – **Hawking 4** – Monday & Wednesday

Sharman 4 – Monday & Wednesday

Newton 4 – Wednesday / **Swimming** – Thursday

Pupils are asked to come into school wearing their outdoor PE kit for the full school day. Pumps should be left in school.

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

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

SMSC

Our Key School Value this half term: Respect
Our Life Skill this half term: Time Management

P.S.H.E.

- Create realistic dreams and goals and know how I can achieve them.
- Know how to overcome disappointment.

R.E.

- Learn about the 8-fold path in Buddhism.
- Research whether the Buddha's teachings can make the world a better place?

M.F.L.

- Understand French words for leisure activities.

Personal Development

Mental Health and Well-being

- Know how to relax and be calm.

Computing

- Understand how to use text and images to create a document.

Music

- Listen and appraise a soul/gospel song.
- Use tuned instruments to compose music.