



**Valley Primary School**  
Growing and Learning together  
to be the best we can be!

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ACHIEVE...CHALLENGE!

# Year 3 Newsletter

Spring First Half Term 2024

## English

Text Focus: Pugs of the Frozen North – Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre

- Create a non-chronological report.
- Write a character profile.
- Write setting descriptions.
- Write an adventure story.
- Improve retrieval, inference and prediction skills.
- Use correct letter formation, sizing and joining.
- Use punctuation and capital letters correctly.

## Maths

Key Instant Recall Fact: Rapid Recall of the 4x Table

- Count from 0 in multiples of 4, 8, 50 and 100.
- Recall of 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8x tables.
- Multiply larger numbers using formal written methods (short multiplication).
- Divide larger numbers.
- Use maths involving money.
- Learn to use statistics.

## Healthy Schools

### Science

- Identify different light sources and reflection.
- Learn how to protect eyes from light source damage.
- Understand shadow formations and patterns in size.

### P.E.

- Perform smooth movements and balances.
- Use control of movement.
- Choose and plan sequences.



Are We Nearly There Yet?

## Topic

Key Focus Subject: Art and Design

### Art

- Discuss and imitate the artwork of Ted Blaylock.
- Sketch basic images of transport vehicles.
- Use collage skills to create a transport image.

### Geography

- Explore the physical and human features of North America.
- Investigate climates in North America.
- Compare a region of North America with our local area.

## Important Information:

Dates – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January – Christmas Card Recycling Day.  
PE –

Hockney 3 – Tuesday & Thursday

Lowry 3 – Wednesday & Thursday

Riley 3 – Thursday / Swimming Tuesday

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. Wednesday – Hockney 3, Wednesday – Lowry 3, Thursday – Riley 3

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

## SMSC

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

### P.S.H.E.

- Explore motivation, perseverance and attitude in the pursuit of dreams and goals.

### R.E.

- Explore Christianity including miracles and Jesus.

### M.F.L.

- Develop language about school life.

## Personal Development

### Mental Health and Well-being

- Managing feelings.

### Computing

- Creating tables and graphs in Excel.

### Music

- Use of pulse, rhythm, pitch in Reggae Music.