



## Valley Primary School

Growing and Learning together to be  
the best we can be!

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# Year 2 Newsletter

Summer First Half Term 2024

### Important Information:

#### Dates

Earth Day - Monday 22nd April

Y2 Express Dress up (parents invited) - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May  
2.4-5pm.

World Cultural Diversity Day - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Visit to Junior Site for Y6 Express - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Walk to School week - 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> May.

House Point Celebration - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
PE - 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.

**Churchill 2** - Monday and Thursday

**Nightingale 2** - Monday and Thursday

**Pankhurst 2** - Monday and Thursday

**Reading** - Please read with your child at least three times a  
week and sign the reading diary to earn rewards.

**Library** - Please ensure your child has their library book on  
**Thursday** so it can be changed weekly.

### English

Text Focus: How to Find Gold and Moth - An Evolution Story

- Write a retell in role.
- Write a description including adjectives, expanded noun phrases and similes.
- Write a non-chronological report
- Write instructions including time openers, imperative verbs and adverbs.
- Write commands, statements, questions and exclamation sentences.
- Use apostrophes for contractions and singular possession.
- Sizing of letters and clear ascenders and descenders.

### Maths

Key Instant Recall Fact: I can tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes.

#### Measurement - Mass, Capacity and Temperature

- Measure in millilitres and litres.
- Read temperatures.
- Read scales in steps of 1, 2, 5 and 10.

#### Number - Four operations

- Add and subtract 2-digit numbers.
- Recall multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
- Complete 2 step word problems involving all four operations.

#### Fractions

- Find and recognise a half, quarters and thirds.

Times Tables Rock Star Focus: 2, 5 and 10 times table and related division facts.

### Healthy Schools

#### Science - Plants

- Name the parts of a plant and explain their functions.
- Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants.
- Find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.

#### PE

- Roll large and small balls and collect the rebound.
- Throw a large ball and catch the rebound with two hands.
- Hit a ball with a golf club at different targets.
- Work as a team to achieve a goal.



### Topic

Key Focus Subject: British Values - Democracy

#### D.T.

- Research who Coco Chanel was and how she changed the fashion industry
- Design and make a purse using a running stitch to join fabric together.

#### History

- Understand how different women throughout history have challenged inequality and fought for change, particularly in the 1900s.
- Look at the life of inspirational women through history including: Emily Davison and the suffragette movement; Rosa Parks and how she challenged inequality.

### SMSC

Our Key School Value this half term: Kindness

Our Life Skill this half term: Home Management

PSHE - Relationships

- Different types of families.
- Friendship and conflict secrets.
- Expressing appreciation for special relationships.

#### R.E.

- Theme: The Covenant.
- Religion: Judaism.
- Key Question: How special is the relationship Jews have with God?

### Personal Development

Mental Health and Well-being

- Focusing on our bodies and being present in the moment.
- Completing puzzles.

Computing - Coding

- Create a computer program using a timer command
- Debug a program

Music - Zoo Time - Reggae Music

- Children will create their own verses for the song and use instruments to accompany their compositions.