



Valley Primary School

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

Year 2 Newsletter

Spring First Half Term 2024

English

Text Focus: Rabbit & Bear – Rabbit's Bad Habits and The Secret Sky Garden

- Write a non-chronological report, character description, and poetry.
- Use past and present tense correctly.
- Begin to use apostrophes for possession and contraction.
- Punctuate different sentence types accurately.
- Use conjunctions to link sentences.
- Expand noun phrases to describe and specify.

Maths

Key Instant Recall Fact: I aspire to recall multiplication and division facts for the 2x table

Money

- Counting and Making amounts of money
- Giving change
- Problems involving money

Multiplication and Division

- Using arrays
- Multiplying and dividing by 2, 5 and 10

Times Table Rock Star Focus: 2x and 10x.

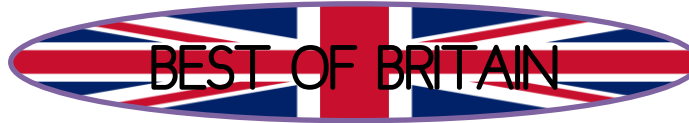
Healthy Schools

Science – animals including humans

- Know that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults and describe some changes in humans as they grow into adults.
- Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

P.E.

- Balance for three seconds on different numbers of body parts on the floor and on apparatus.
- Maintain balance while travelling along a straight line, both on the floor and on apparatus.



Topic

Key Focus Subject: Art

Art

- Research and then create observational drawings of dragons, looking at their skin texture, colour, shape and eyes.
- Experiment with the techniques needed to manipulate clay to create a desired design.
- Use clay to create a dragon eye.
- Paint onto a 3D model in a way that improves our design and makes the detail stand out.

History

- Investigate how life in Britain has changed within living memory (over the past 100 years) focusing on schools, holidays, music, and free time.
- Explore how the lives of people in different generations have changed.

Important Information:

- Dates - Optional Tests meeting (virtual) 17th January
- Maths Workshops 16th Churchill 2.
17th Nightingale 2. 18th Pankhurst 2.
- Black Country Museum Trip 31st January

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 – Wednesday and Thursday

Pankhurst 2 – Wednesday 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.

SMSC

Our Key School Value this half term: Respect

Our Life Skill this half term: Time Management

P.S.H.E.

- Celebrate strengths and set simple, challenging goals.
- Work as a team to contribute to everyone feeling proud.

R.E.

- Judaism – The Importance of Passover
- Understand why it important for Jews to do what God asks them to do.

Personal Development

Mental Health and Well-being – Mindfulness

Computing – Spreadsheets

- Read and use a simple database to find information.
- Collect, record and present data purposefully.

Music – Rock music – I Wanna Play In A Band

- Learn to play together in an ensemble.