



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

Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn First Half Term 2023

Healthy Schools

Science

- Identify and compare the suitability of different materials for particular uses.
- Investigate how different forces can change the shape of materials.

P.E.

- Repeat simple gymnastic sequences with coordination and control.

English

Text Focus: Man on the Moon by Simon Bartram and
The Emperor's Egg by Martin Jenkins and Jane
Chapman

- Recount writing
- Report writing
- Non-fiction writing
- Setting description
- Correct letter formation and sizing
- Questions and commands
- Adjectives and expanded noun phrases
- Capital letters and full stops

Maths

Key Instant Recall Fact: I aspire to recall number bonds to 20.

- Number: Place Value
 - Count forwards and backwards to & from 100
 - Count in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10
 - Compare and order numbers and objects
 - Understand the value of digits within a number – tens and ones
- Number: Addition and Subtraction
 - Add and subtract ones and tens
 - Add two 2-digit numbers
 - Number bonds to 20 and 100
 - Subtract a 2-digit number from a 2-digit number

FIRE! FIRE!

Topic

Key Focus Subjects: History, DT and art

Art

- Study a range of artwork portraying the Great Fire of London to see what we can learn about the past.
- Use collage to create a texture fire composition.

D.T.

- Design and create a fire engine that includes a wheel and axle mechanism using tools.
- Identify and evaluate faults with axles and wheel designs and suggest ways to fix these.

History

Enquiry Question: How did Britain change as a result of the Great Fire of London?

- Understand how the fire started and why it spread.
- Order key events and compare sources.

Important Information

Dates – Curriculum Evening **Wednesday 20th September, 6pm**

Times Table Rockstar Day **Friday 22nd September**
Parents' Evening **Tuesday 24th October and Thursday 26th October.**

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 – Wednesday and Thursday

Nightingale 2 – Wednesday 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.

SMSC

Our Value this half term: Responsibility

Our Life Skill this half term: Mental Health

P.S.H.E.

- Discuss hopes and fears; rights and responsibilities; rewards and consequences; valuing contributions.

R.E.

- Christianity – what did Jesus teach?
- Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?

Personal Development

Mental Health and Well-being

- Improve concentration and explore feelings.

Computing

- Coding (including BeeBots)

Music

- Hands, Feet, Heart – South African style music.