



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

Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn Second Half Term 2023

English

Text Focus: *Out and About* and *The Lonely Beast*

- Explore rhythm, rhyme and pattern in a range of poems.
- Respond to and playing with language in poetry.
- Perform in response to poetry.
- Focus on punctuation including capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.
- Use conjunctions including *and* and *because*.
- Spell common exception Year 1 words.
- Apply phonics knowledge to sentence writing.
- Writing a recount
- Writing a character description

Maths

Key Instant Recall Fact: **Number bonds to 6.**

- Continue with addition and subtraction within 10.
- Recognise and name 2D and 3D shapes.
- Sort 2D and 3D shapes.
- Patterns within 2D and 3D shapes.
- Count forwards and backwards.
- Write numbers and numerals to 20.
- Identify tens and ones.
- Count one more and one less.
- Compare groups of objects.
- Order numbers.
- Developing place value skills within 20.

Healthy Schools

Science

- Continue to identify the names of different everyday materials – wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock.
- Sort and describe the properties of different materials.

P.E.

- Choose simple movements and linking them together with music.
- Per-form dances using simple movements.
- Developing jumping and landing skills.



Topic

Key Focus Subjects: **Art and Geography**

Art

- Explore the artwork of Jackson Pollock
- Create a drip painting
- Research the artist Picasso and imitating his art work
- Create an abstract self-portrait in the style of Picasso
- Evaluate my own painting

Geography

- Locate and name the seven continents and five oceans of the world
- Name and locate the four countries of the UK
- Understand human and physical features
- Explore and locate the country of Spain and its culture

Important Information

Dates – Family Anti-Bullying Assembly – 15th November, 2.40pm

Y1/2 Bedtime Stories – 20th November, 5pm

Y1 Christmas Performance – 18th December 2.45pm or 19th December 9am

PE – Pupils will be asked to come into school wearing their PE kit for the full school day. Pumps should be left in school. Earrings must be taken out or covered with plasters before school on your PE day.

Bell 1 – Monday and Thursday, **Lee 1** – Tuesday and Thursday, **Shaw 1** – 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 their library day each **Thursday**.

SMSC

Our Key School Value this half term: Collaboration

P.S.H.E.

- Celebrate differences; understand what bullying is and knowing how to deal with it.
- Making new friends and celebrating the differences in everyone.

R.E.

- Talk about a gift that is special.
- Remember the Christmas Story.
- Suggest a gift they would give to Jesus.

Personal Development

Mental Health and Well-being

- Exploring feelings and improving concentration

Computing

- Online Safety
- Using Bee-bots
- Maze Explorers

Music

- Hey You! (Rap Music)
- Blues Music