



Valley Primary School

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

ASPIRE... ENJOY...
ACHIEVE...CHALLENGE!

English

Text Focus: Traction Man by Mini Grey and Pattan's Pumpkin by Chitra Soundar.

- Diary writing
- Story writing
- Sentence writing with adjectives.
- Punctuation including capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.
- Conjunctions including 'and' and 'because'.
- Spelling Year 1 common exception words and tricky words.
- Applying phonics knowledge to sentence writing.

Maths

Key Instant Recall Fact: I aspire to know the days of the week and months of the year.

- Number: Place Value (within 10)
- Number: Addition and Subtraction (within 10)
- Count, represent and compare numbers
- Using counters, tens frames and part-whole models
- Number skills
 - Count to and across 100, forward and backwards.
 - Count, read and write numbers to and from 1 to 20 in numerals and words.
 - Identify one more and one less than a given number.

Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn 1 Half Term 2023

Healthy Schools

Science

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

P.E.

- Real PE: Footwork, balancing on one leg.
- Create simple gymnastic sequences with balance, coordination and control.



MOON ZOOM!



Topic

Key Focus Subjects: History and Design and Technology

History

Enquiry Question: Why do we remember Neil Armstrong?

- Investigate the 'Space Race'
- Find who Neil Armstrong was and understanding his significance
- Consider the impact of Neil Armstrong's mission
- Explore people's reactions to the moon landings

D.T.

- Explore the structure and use of a pivot mechanism.
- Create a moving pivot space picture using tools carefully.

Art

- Explore and imitate the work of Julie Perrot
- Use chalk to investigate shape, line and colour

Important Information

Dates – Curriculum Evening **Wednesday 20th September, 5pm.**

Parents' Evening **Tuesday 24th October and Thursday 26th October.**

Phonics workshop **9.00 – 9.40am on 26/09 (Bell I), 27/09 (Lee I) + 28/09 (Shaw I)**

PE – Pupils will be asked to come into school wearing their outdoor PE kit for the full school day. Shorts and pumps should be left in school.

Bell I – Monday and Thursday

Lee I – Tuesday and Thursday

Shaw I – Monday and Tuesday

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:

SMSC

Our Life Skill this half term: Mental Health

Our Key School Value this half term: Responsibility P.S.H.E.

- Discuss feeling special, safe and being part of a class; rights and responsibilities; rewards and feeling proud and discussing consequences.

R.E.

- Christianity – the Creation story
- Does God want Christians to look after the world?

Personal Development

Mental Health and Well-being

- Explore feelings and improve concentration

Computing

- Logging on independently
- Online safety and exploring

Music

- Hey You! – Rap Music.