



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

### Literacy

Text Focus: *The Gigantic Turnip, Bog Baby*

- Phase 1 phonics, activities from aspects 1-6
- Trace and copy write name
- Use vocabulary linked to books e.g. book, pages, front cover, words, pictures, title
- Beginning to recognise some words with the same initial sound.

### Maths

- Begin to describe a sequence of events, real or fictional, using words such as 'first', 'then...'
- Show 'finger numbers' up to 5.
- Link numerals and amounts: for example, showing the right number of objects to match the numeral, up to 5.

### Personal, social and emotional development

- Increasingly follow rules, understanding why they are important.
- Develop their sense of responsibility and membership of a community.

## Nursery's Newsletter

### Spring Second Half Term 2023

### Communication and Language

- Enjoy listening to stories in small groups and can remember much of what happens.
- Retell past events but may continue to have problems with irregular tenses and plurals, such as 'runned' for 'ran', 'swimmed' for 'swam'.

## BRITISH COUNTRYSIDE

### Physical development

- Go up steps and stairs, or climb up apparatus, using alternate feet.
- Use one-handed tools and equipment, for example, making snips in paper with scissors.
- Use mark making equipment with increasing accuracy e.g. shapes or simple pictures.

### Understanding the world

- Plant seeds and care for growing plants. Relate to past events in the growth cycle.
- Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.
- Explore how things work.

### Important Information:

- Wednesday morning is PE for both Nursery classes
- PE pumps should stay in school and ear rings should be taken out or covered with plasters
- Please be reminded that all clothes items, bags and water bottles should be clearly labelled
- Home Learning – Please check Teams for ongoing Around the World Home Learning topic based activities, as well as activities related to life skills and mental health
- Library books – Your child will continue to bring home a library book to share with you every Thursday. Please return it on the following Thursday so that your child can choose a new book
- Our Value this half term: Honesty
- Our Life Skill this half term: Decision Making Skills

### Expressive arts and design

- Make imaginative and complex 'small worlds' with blocks and construction kits, such as a city with different buildings and a park.
- Join different materials and explore different textures.
- Sing the melodic shape (moving melody, such as up and down, down and up) of familiar songs.
- Draw with increasing complexity and detail, such as representing a face with a circle and including details.