



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

## Reception's Newsletter

### Autumn Second Half Term 2023

#### Literacy

Text Focus: *Owl Babies* and *A Great Big Cuddle*

- Introduce phonic groups – your child may have a teacher who is not their class teacher for their phonics session.
- Orally blend sounds in words.
- Segmenting and blending sounds in simple words
- Introduce Red words.
- Enjoy an increasing range of books.
- Use vocabulary from books.

#### Maths

Key Instant Recall Fact: I can subitise to 5.

- Shape - circles and triangles, shapes with 4 sides
- Representing numbers to 5.
- One more and less.
- Using the language of comparison: more than, fewer than, an equal number

#### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Celebrating difference.
- Identify something I am good at and understand everyone is good at different things.
- Understand that being different makes us special.
- Know that we are all different but the same in some ways.
- Say why I think my home is special to me.
- Say how to be a kind friend.

#### Communication and Language

- Extend vocabulary and use in different contexts. Link statements & stick to main theme & intention
- Answer 'when' questions
- Follows a two-part instruction



### THEN & NOW

#### Physical Development

- Counter balance: with a partner.
- Use paintbrushes appropriately.
- Develop skills to use a pencil to create outlines for a drawing.

#### Expressive Arts and Design

- Use available resources to recount narratives and stories
- Painting – Ready mix
- Printing – Fruit/Veg
- Drawing – Chalks
- Collage / Textiles – Weaving
- Sculpture – Salt dough

#### Important Information:

Dates – Bedtime Stories – 21<sup>st</sup> November  
Reception Christmas performance – 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December

PE – **Tuesday** (Aston), **Thursday** (Grylls) and **Friday** (Peake).

- All PE kits must stay in school in a plain purple or black draw string bag. Earrings must be taken out or covered with plasters before school on your PE day.
- All clothes items, bags and water bottles should be clearly labelled with the child's first and last name.

We cannot return lost property unless it is named.

Reading – Please listen to your child read at least three times a week and sign the reading diary to earn rewards.

Library books – Please read this with your child several times so that they can become familiar with it and begin to join in familiar parts. Please return it the following Friday.

Our Value this half term: Collaboration

Our Life Skill this half term: Physical Health

#### Understanding the world

- Research Bonfire Night, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas.
- Research old toys compared with new toys looking at similarities and differences.
- Comment on images of familiar situations in the past.
- Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past.
- Understand features of night and day.