



**Valley Primary School**  
Growing and Learning together  
to be the best we can be!  
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## Year 1 Newsletter

### Spring Second Half Term 2023

#### English

In English we will be looking at two texts 'Lila and the Secret of Rain' and 'One day on our Blue planet: In Savannah'. We will be writing a retell and a Factfile. The grammar focus will be:

- Using **because, also, and, so...** and how these are used to elaborate sentences.
- Using a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun *I*.
- Using exclamations for impact e.g. **It's amazing!**
- Using the spelling rule for adding *-s* or *-es* as the plural marker for nouns.
- Using the suffixes *-ing, -ed, -er* and *-est* where no change is needed in the spelling of root words.
- Using the prefix *un*.

#### Maths

**Key Instant Recall Facts**— I know doubles of all numbers to 10 and halves of all even numbers to 10.

#### Measurement: Length and Height

- comparing length and heights
- Measuring length and height using objects
- Measuring length and height in cm

#### Measurement: Weight and Volume

- Comparing mass
- Measuring mass using objects and scales
- Comparing capacity and volume
- Measure capacity using non-standard measure

#### Addition and Subtraction

- Doubling numbers within 20
- Finding near doubles using doubles

#### Healthy Schools

##### Science

We will be focusing on **Animals**.

- Naming a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.
- Identifying common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.
- Labelling the basic parts of the human body.

##### P.E.:

- Practising balancing skills and stances with a partner.
- Rolling a ball along the floor, around body using two hands whilst seated.



#### Topic

**Key Focus Subject: British Values and Democracy**

##### Art

- Exploring the art work 'Castle and Sun' by the artist Paul Klee
- Sketching a castle using 2D shapes.
- Using colour and shape to create castle collages
- Evaluating collage techniques.

##### History

- Investigating the purpose of a medieval castle.

##### Geography

- Exploring the physical features necessary to make a castle safe.
- Using Geographical terms to label the features of a castle.

#### Important Information:

**Dates**— Year 1 Trip is on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

**PE**— PE is on **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. PE kits should remain in school and all pupils should have both an indoor and outdoor PE kit.

**Home Learning**— Tasks for Around the World Home Learning topic-based activities are set on Teams.

**Spellings**— These are sent home at the beginning of the half term to be learnt for each Friday. Children who learn these well will gain a charm on Spell Quest.

**Reading books** — Please read regularly (three times per week) and complete reading records to earn rewards.

#### SMSC

**Our Key School Value this half term: Honesty**

**P.S.H.E.:** **Healthy Me**

- Keeping myself healthy
- Healthier lifestyle choices
- Keeping clean
- Being safe
- Medicine safety & safety with household items
- Road Safety
- Health & happiness

**R.E.:** The religion is Christianity, and the theme is **Easter – Palm Sunday**

Key Question -Why was Jesus welcomed like a king by the crowds on Palm Sunday?

#### Personal Development

**Mental Health and Well-being:** Mindfulness, keeping positive and making time for reflection.

**Music:** In the Groove – Blues Music

- Singing in tune
- Using the glockenspiels to demonstrate pitch

**Computing:** Online Safety and Exploring Lego Builders.

- Understand how to stay safe online.
- Following instructions