



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

Year 1 Newsletter

Spring 1 Half Term 2023

Important Information:

PE – PE is on Tuesday's and Thursdays and all PE kits should remain in school. Children 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– sent home at the beginning of the half term to be learnt for each Friday (Please see dates on the spelling sheet) - 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.

English

In English we will be looking at two texts 'The Last Wolf' and 'Beegu'. We will be writing a letter and diary entry linked to the above texts. Focussing on:

- 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.

Healthy Schools

Science

We will be focussing on Seasonal Change.

- We will continue to observe the changes across the 4 seasons and describe weather associated with them.
- Explain that the length of day changes with the seasons.

P.E.

- Choose simple movements and link them together.
- Learn to travel at different speeds and find space and stop safely.
- Learn to balance in different ways.
- Learn to create simple shapes with body.

Life skills challenge

- How can I show that I am organised?
- Children will work on improving their time management and organisational skills.

SMSC

Our Key School Value this half term: Respect

P.S.H.E.

Set goals and identify success and achievements. Learn to explain how it feels when we are successful. Learn how to store positive feelings and ways to keep your body safe and healthy.

R.E

- Talk about your friends and why you like them.
- Know how Jesus tried to be a good friend.
- Talk about a person you admire.



COLOUR CHAOS

Maths

- Addition and subtraction within 20
- Place value within 50.
- Counting forwards and backwards within 50
- Subtraction crossing 10
- Counting/ordering and representing numbers to 50
- Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s
- 1 more and 1 less

KIRF – I know all addition and subtraction facts for all numbers between 0-10

Topic

Key Focus Subject: ART

Art

We will carry out an artist study of Picasso, Mondrian and Kandinsky. Focussing on abstract art to create a portrait in the style of Picasso.

D.T.

We will be making a card in the style of Kandinsky.

Geography/History

We will be focussing on where the above artists live using an atlas', maps and globes. We will also focus on the history of the above people and the influence they had.

Personal Development

Mental Health and Well-being: Mindfulness

Computing

- Learn to use the keyboard correctly.
- Create animated story books.

Music

- Keeping the pulse using body movements.
- Understanding that pitch describes how high or low sounds.
- Blues music – 'in the groove'.