



**Valley Primary School**  
Growing and Learning together  
to be the best we can be!  
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# Year 2 Newsletter

## Autumn First Half Term 2022

### English

Text Focus: Man on the Moon by Simon Bartram and  
The Emperor's Egg by Martin Jenkins and Jane  
Chapman

- Recount writing
- Report writing
- Non-fiction writing
- Setting description
- Correct letter formation and sizing
- Questions and commands
- Adjectives and expanded noun phrases
- Capital letters and full stops

### Maths

Key Instant Recall Fact: I aspire to recall number bonds to 20.

- Number: Place Value
  - Count forwards and backwards to & from 100
  - Count in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10
  - Compare and order numbers and objects
  - Understand the value of digits within a number – tens and ones
- Number: Addition and Subtraction
  - Add and subtract ones and tens
  - Add two 2-digit numbers
  - Number bonds to 20 and 100
  - Subtract a 2-digit number from a 2-digit number

### Healthy Schools

#### Science

- Identify and compare the suitability of different materials for particular uses.
- Investigate how different forces can change the shape of materials.

#### P.E.

- Repeat simple gymnastic sequences with coordination and control.



### Topic

#### Key Focus Subject: History

#### Art

- Study a range of artwork portraying the Great Fire of London to see what we can learn about the past.
- Use collage to create a texture fire composition.

#### D.T.

- Design and create a fire engine that includes a wheel and axle mechanism.

#### History

- Understand how the fire started and why it spread.
- Explore how Britain changed as a result of the fire.

#### Geography

- Identify London as a capital city.
- Locate and direct between famous London landmarks.
- Devise a simple map and use compass directions.

### Important Information

Dates – Curriculum Evening **Wednesday 21st September**.  
Parents' Evening – **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October and  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October**.

PE – Indoor PE (all Y2 classes): **Tuesday**

Outdoor PE (all Y2 classes): **Wednesday**

Indoor and outdoor kits should stay in school. Please label all items. Earrings must be taken out or covered with plasters before school on your PE day.

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:

Nightingale 2 – **Thursday**. Pankhurst 2 and Churchill 2 – **Friday**.

### SMSC

Our Value this half term: Responsibility

Our Life Skill this half term: Mental Health

P.S.H.E.

- Discuss hopes and fears; rights and responsibilities; rewards and consequences; valuing contributions.

R.E.

- Christianity – what did Jesus teach?
- Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?

### Personal Development

Mental Health and Well-being

- Improve concentration and explore feelings.

Computing

- Coding (including BeeBots)

Music

- Hands, Feet, Heart - South African style music.