



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

Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn Second Half Term 2022

English

Text Focus: Skellig by David Almond

- Focus text type: Argument.
- Additional text type: Informal letter and character description.
- Use subordinating and coordinating conjunctions.
- Use commas to clarify meaning.
- Use apostrophes for possession and contraction.
- Use modal verbs
- Use a range of clauses for variety in writing.

Maths

Key Instant Recall Fact: I can find factor pairs of a number.

Number: Fractions

- Equivalent fractions.
- Improper fractions and mixed numbers.
- Converting fractions.
- Comparing and ordering fractions.
- Adding fractions.
- Subtracting fractions.

Times Tables Rock Star Focus: 4, 6 and 8 times tables

Healthy Schools

Science – Forces

- Investigate gravity and the difference between mass and weight, as well as air resistance and friction.

P.E.

- Take part in partner and team games with a focus on communication and tactics
- Improve and develop skills in dance.



Topic

Key Focus Subject: D&T (Maya)

Art

- Explore the life and work of Frida Kahlo.
- Create self-portraits use tone, line and pattern.

D.T.

- Research and create a loom.
- Weave using our homemade looms.

History

- Investigate sources for how the Maya lived.
- Consider how life in Britain compared to this civilisation at the time.

Geography

- Find where the Maya lived and geographical reasons for their decline.
- Explore mountain ranges and understand how they are formed.

Important Information

Dates – Twilight Tales – 16th November.

Year 5/6 Christmas Carols – 8th December 9am & 2.30pm.

PE – Monday – All classes Wednesday – Lynn 5.

Thursday – Holst 5 and Webber 5.

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 – Our library times will vary within the week.

Mathletics – Mathletics should be completed for 30 minutes each week.

SMSC

Our Key School Value this half term: Collaboration

Our Life Skill this half term: Physical Health

P.S.H.E.

- Cultural Differences & How They Can Cause Conflict

RE.

- Theme: Christmas and Incarnation
- Religion: Christianity

M.F.L.

- Know language relating to ourselves.
- Describe a birthday celebration.

Personal Development

Mental Health and Well-being

- Developing breathing techniques and mindfulness activities.

Computing

- Developing use of code.

Music

- Analysing and singing a range of different genres of music
- Learning guitar.