



Valley Primary School Newsletter

GROWING AND LEARNING TOGETHER TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE!
INSPIRE...ENJOY...ACHIEVE...CHALLENGE!

Friday
4th
October
2024

NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hedgehogs wowed me this week! A group of our Reception and Year 1 children impressed me very much during their group session in our new intervention hub. They all focused, concentrated, rolled a ball and then carefully considered how many sticks to add to make their hedgehog creations. Every single one of them was beaming with pride and enjoying every second of their learning. So lovely to see!

We have also been talking about responsibility, our half term value, across the school this week. It is impressive to hear our children are showing responsibility by switching off the lights, recycling, wearing a cycle helmet, carrying their own school bag and remembering their equipment and water bottle. Keep up the good work everybody!

Thank you to our Nursery parents who joined our workshop this week and to all of you who continue to support our home learning activities at home. We look forward to seeing you all for parents evening soon, please do book an appointment so your child's class teacher can ensure they have time to talk to every one of you.

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued support,

Miss Milewski

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Usborne Reading Challenge

Thank you to everyone who took part in our recent sponsored reading event and to Emily, our Usborne rep for organising it. We have some fabulous facts and figures to share with you:

- 29 pupils participated.
- An amazing **£625** was raised, meaning Usborne will donate an extra £375 and the school will receive **£1,000 of books!!**
- Total combined reading minutes = 2,551 (that's 42 hours, 31 minutes!)
- **Ben R, Year 6** was the top reader with 4hrs and 40mins.



We look forward to sharing with you the books that we purchase.

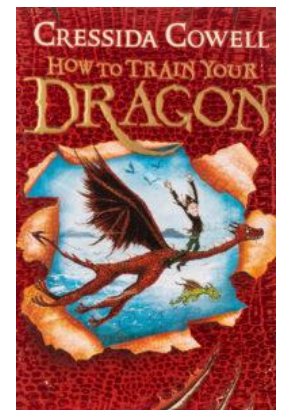
OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'How To Train your Dragon' By Cressida Cowell

An absolute winner of a story and a brilliant choice for KS2 children in Years 4, 5 or 6. As you might expect from former Children's Laureate Cressida Cowell, who really is a master storyteller, this fantastic series is full of delightful characters, exciting expeditions and sumptuous settings. There's plenty of action, and a good dollop of humour too.

Hiccup is a small Viking. As part of the initiation process for his tribe, he is required to lead a group of novices in their task of dragon training. Unfortunately, Hiccup's designated dragon is far from what he'd dreamed of, but despite all odds, it doesn't take long for Hiccup to prove himself to be a true hero.

This book is suitable for readers in Upper Phase.



SHARING OUR LEARNING

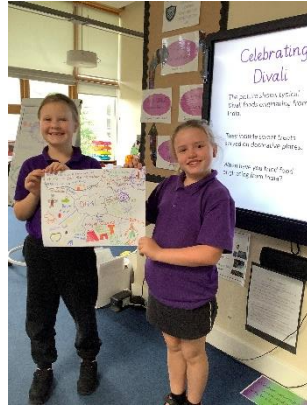
Lower Phase

This week in **Reception**, the children have been learning to count objects using 1-1 correspondence. They have been exploring the counting sequence to 5 using songs and rhymes. They have also been learning to subitise (visually recognize a number of objects without counting them) within 5.



Middle Phase

Year 3 have been finding out about how Hindu's celebrate Diwali. The children created a thought shower of all their knowledge.



Upper Phase

Year 5 have taken part in Bikeability this week. Despite some rainy weather, the children have shown impressive resilience and resourcefulness on their bikes and have practised the skills, taught by the instructors, to ensure they operate their bikes and behave safely when riding on the road. It has been wonderful to see the children supporting each other during the sessions and embodying this half term's Valley Value of Responsibility from checking their bike is 'road ready' to riding with awareness, consideration and care on the road.

Well done Year 5! Remember what the instructors said: 'Always wear your helmet.'



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

Nursery applications for September 2025 are now open and the application forms are available on our website under the admissions page. We would like to invite anyone who is considering a place for Nursery or Reception for September 2025 to our open mornings on the 15th October or 12th November at 9am or our open evening which is taking place on Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 6pm. Booking is essential for these events via admissions@valley.solihull.sch.uk

Further Developing Partnerships

Please follow the link below to our communication tree, this will allow you to send any correspondence to the most relevant person for your query. Teaching staff will monitor their class email addresses for the sharing of information or little queries. They will only respond when a response is necessary or pass the email on if required. [Valley Primary School - Contact](#)

Details

It is always a pleasure to receive your comments and feedback, and we are always happy to answer any questions or queries you have, please continue to email these to parentliaisonlead@valley.solihull.sch.uk

ATTENDANCE – W/C 23 September – 27 September 2024

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| UPPER PHASE | Ennis 6 | 99.3% | Farah 6 | 92.3% | Simmonds 6 | 93.7% | Holst 5 | 98.7% | Lynn 5 | 93.8% | Webber 5 | 97.3% |
| | Hawking 4 | 95.3% | Newton 4 | 96.6% | Sharman 4 | 90.7% | | | | | | |
| MIDDLE PHASE | Hockney 3 | 96.8% | Lowry 3 | 100% | Riley 3 | 90.4% | Churchill 2 | 87.3% | Nightingale 2 | 93.4% | Pankhurst 2 | 99.2% |
| LOWER PHASE | Bell 1 | 87.8% | Lee 1 | 87.1% | Shaw 1 | 94.1% | Aston R | 94.3% | Grylls R | 93.4% | Peake R | 80.0% |
| | Nursery | 89.9% | | | | | | | | | | |

Well done to the highlighted classes who are this week's winners!

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

7th October – SLT Drop in Session – Old Lode Lane – 3.30pm – 4.15pm

8th October – SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am – 8.30am

9th October – SPCV Coffee Morning – 9.30am

10th October – World Mental Health Day – Parent Workshop – Old Lode Lane – 2.45pm

15th October – Nursery and Reception New Parents Morning

Please talk to your children about these events...

18th October – Black History Day

18th October – PTFA Disco – Y1 and 2 – 4pm – 4.50pm Old Lode Lane

18th October – PTFA Disco – Y3 and 4 – 5pm – 5.50pm Old Lode Lane

18th October – PTFA Disco – Y5 and 6 – 6pm – 6.50pm Old Lode Lane

Please click on the link below to see our Valley Calendar. This will be updated weekly with new events as they arise.

<https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=2&pid=8&viewid=3>