

# Villiers Primary School



**Nursery &  
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## **Nursery**

We have had a very busy week in Nursery!

In Maths we have been practising how to count objects to 10 by lining them up and moving them. For counting on paper we have been learning to cross objects out, to keep track of how many we have.

In Literacy we have read a story with lots of rhyming words in. This will help us in becoming more aware of rhyming words, so we can think of some of our own. We have been practising our phonics and using our knowledge of sounds to help us write 'mum' and 'dad' in our Easter cards.

In Topic work we have been looking at new life at Easter time and the Easter story. We ended the week with a fantastic Easter Bonnet Parade. Thank you to all of you who made a bonnet with your children. It was a very difficult decision for the judges to pick the winners!

Next week we are making Easter baskets and looking at whether we have achieved our Spring targets. We will be learning how to form numbers and new sounds in our phonic groups.

Don't forget to hear your children read as often as you can and write in the Reading Diary how your children got on with their book. Also help your child with any phonic worksheets we send home for your children to complete. Thank you!

## **Reception**

Our topic this half term is Space. We have been learning lots about the planets and travelling to space. This week we have been listening to Space poems and next week we are looking at the book 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers. In Mathematics we have been practising our subtraction skills and we will continue to do this next week too.

We have been busy making Easter cards and talking about the Easter story. This week we have had our Easter bonnet parade. We will be making Easter gifts for our link school in Penkridge next week.

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## Year 1

This week we have been looking at 3D shapes in Maths. We have explored everyday objects and recognised them as cubes, cuboids, spheres, cylinders and pyramids.

We have been reading stories and recognising different types of punctuation, such as full stops, capital letters, question marks and exclamation marks; and including them in our writing.

We have been busy preparing for Easter, making cards and reading the Easter story. We have had our very successful Easter bonnet parade, thank you to all the parents who helped make such wonderful hats!

Next we will be focusing on new phonemes and looking at place value in numbers.

## Year 2

This week we have been focusing on story writing in our English lessons. We have read a variety of different stories. We have based our writing on these stories. We are learning how to use different punctuation in our writing.

In Maths we have been adding and taking away and have been solving adding and taking away problems. We have been working very hard in preparation for our SATS tests that start on the 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Our topic for Science this half term is 'Plants and Animals.' This week we have planted our own seeds and are taking turns to water these each day.

In Geography we have been learning how to read maps and produced our own keys. We have been looking at a map of Bilston and a map of Kingswood.

Next week we will be making our Easter cards.

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## Year 3

This week we have been busy continuing to find out about the Anglo-Saxons. We used the Internet to research the Kings and leaders, particularly looking at Alfred the Great. We found out lots of interesting facts, our favourite being that he didn't learn to read until he was 12 years old!

In Science we have been finding out about Soils and Rocks. We completed an experiment to find out which type of soil holds the most water.

In Modern Foreign Languages we have been learning how to say numbers in French, Spanish and also German.

Next week we will be learning about Mosques in R.E. and in D.T. we are making moving monsters. If you have anything spare at home that would be useful for junk modelling we would really appreciate it. Thank You.

## Year 4

This week we have been writing descriptive stories based on one we have read such as Jack and the Beanstalk. In Maths Mr Cullen has been working on fractions with his group, Mrs Harris has been looking at finding the area and perimeter of our hands and Miss Wood has been problem solving with money.

Next week we will be writing instructions on a variety of topics and will be undertaking a variety of maths tasks involving weight and measures. All of these will have an Easter theme ready for the end of term celebrations.

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## Year 5

In Year 5 this week we have been looking at multiplication and division, and using this knowledge, we have been solving a variety of problems.

In English we have looked at a variety of poems and have enjoyed writing our own versions.

Our Geography focus is Chembakolli in India and this week we have looked at monsoons and how important they are to the population.

Our Science topic is Interdependence and Adaptation and as part of that, we have examined different types of habitats.

Next week we will be looking at symmetry and co-ordinates in Maths and will be looking at the Easter Story. We will spend time in Science examining food chains.

## Year 6

Last Wednesday was an extremely successful day for the Year 5 and 6 Villiers' Hockey Squad, who we are delighted to announce, made it to the Finals at Aldersley. We are extremely proud of our Year 6 children who partook - Cara Sweeney, Hinesh Patel, Jake Painter, Myrie Walker, Jack Beddow, Lauren Delahaye and Courtney-Jai Rose (along with pupils from Year 5 too).

In English lessons, Miss Challenor's group carried out work based on the epic poem *Beowulf*. Did you know that it is the oldest piece of literature in the English language? Mr Palmer's group looked at Roald Dahl and how the famous children's author created brilliant character descriptions and setting; and Miss Stephen's group wrote diary entries based on the much loved classic novel *The Secret Garden*.

In Science lessons, Year 6 really enjoyed experimenting with Yeast as part of our topic on Micro-organisms. We predicted which would ferment the quickest - yeast with or without sugar. Mr Palmer's class won the Yeast Race (but did he adapt the experiment to get the results?)

Next week, we encourage all of our Year 6 children to keep up the good work with their SATS revision and remember to bring in any extra work done at home to show their teacher's during snack break to receive a star for our chart. Rewards to follow for the best reviser!

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