

Villiers Primary School



Nursery & Reception

Weekly Newsletter

Nursery

We've all gone plant crazy in Nursery this week! We began our topic on *'The Garden'* by looking at the parts of a plant and naming the leaf, stem roots and flower.

We've made and painted plants in the Creative Area and enjoyed our new Garden Centre role-play.

In Reading we've started looking at rhyming stories and read *'Jack and the Beanstalk'*.

We tried to sound out simple words in Writing and counted Jack's beans in Maths.

Next week we will be looking at how a plant grows and what plants grow from. We will plant beans and sunflowers and look at what plants need to grow.

This week you should have received a letter about our trip to Hoo Farm, which we are all really excited about. Please send in the consent form and money as soon as you can.

Don't forget we are not in school on Monday as it is Bank Holiday, so have a lovely long weekend.

Remember to help your child at home by hearing them read, completing any phonic sheets sent home and if you have anything that might help us in our Garden topic then please send in.

Thank you.

Reception

We have been looking at the book *'Dear Zoo'* this week. We have learnt what the word 'adjective' means and have been thinking of adjectives to describe different animals.

In Maths we have been looking at time and learning about *'O clock'* keep practising at home so you know what time to come to school and what time to go to bed.

In our topic work we have been making our own lift the flap books and adapting them if they did not work properly.

Next week we are looking at an information book all about animals. We will be learning lots of facts. See if you can find some facts out about different animals to share with your friends ready for next week.

We are all very excited about our trip on May 21st to Twycross Zoo. Please remember to send in your consent forms. Further information will be sent nearer the time.

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Year 1 &
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Year 1

This week we have been looking at different ways to add numbers. We have explored column addition and how to add three digit numbers together.

In English we have read story books based on adventures and misfortunes. We have been writing our own versions using the characters in the story.

Our new topic in Science is Plants and Growing. We have explored plants in our environment. We now can spot daffodils, daisies, tulips and dandelions. We will be learning how to draw them in Art.

Next week, we will be looking at subtraction and finding different ways to solve problems. In English, we will be off on an adventure to space!

Year 2

We have settled in very well to the Summer term. We have been busy revising for our SATs tests.

In English we have been learning about St George's Day. We have been writing stories about St George and also reading comprehension texts about St George's Day.

In Maths we have been revising for our SATs tests. We have been practising measuring with rulers, adding, taking away and many other areas.

Next week, we will be doing our SATs tests. We will be tested in Maths, Reading, Writing and spellings.

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Year 3

We have had a busy start to the summer term with new topics in all of our Foundation Subjects. In Science we are going to be looking at Light and Dark, in Geography we are creating a passport to the world and in R.E. we will be finding out about different faiths.

During Maths we have been reading scales, solving word problems and measuring capacity. Please continue to practise your times tables at home.

In English Miss Poole's group have been looking at diary entries, Miss Burkitt's group have been looking at persuasive texts and Miss Schofield's group have been focussing their work on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

This week we sent out our letter detailing our visit to Warwick Castle. If you could return the consent slip as soon as possible we would be very grateful. A further letter will be sent closer to the date with more information.

Year 4

In Year 4 this week we have settled back in quickly after the Easter holiday and have been working hard to write our own dilemma stories.

In Maths we have been working on our times tables, knowledge, column addition and played the games we made over the holidays.

Next week we will be looking at writing a persuasive letter for different reasons and we will continue to research our topic on Aztecs and complete our Aztec masks.

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Have a lovely long weekend.

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Year 5 &
Year 6

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Year 5

This week in Maths we have looked at solving a variety of problems. Next week we shall be looking at a variety of mathematical investigations.

In English we have looked at *'George's Marvellous Medicine'*. We will be using this text next week when we focus on different types of advertisements.

We will be investigating the rate of evaporation in Science and locating and recording mountainous sites across the British Isles in Geography.

Don't forget we are not in school on Monday as it is Bank Holiday.

Have a lovely long weekend from Year 5 staff.

Year 6

In Year 6 we have hit the ground running following the Easter break. This week we have undertaken our MOCK SATs and we now know what to expect during the week beginning 12th May 2014.

Before the MOCK SATs each day we have used BBC Revise Wise to recap on a variety of topics. We have found these sessions extremely beneficial. Some of us have experienced feelings of nervousness which means that our senses are alert. We know that adrenaline (a chemical that pumps through our body) has given us the extra energy we need to do well.

Our additional booster sessions are continuing during the afternoons for both English and Maths. We have discussed how the tests give us information about how well we are doing. They also help us to pinpoint our strengths and areas for development and highlight where we need to put in more work.

Next week will see the final push before our SATs. We will be focusing on further developing our skills for the Reading, Spelling, Punctuation, Grammar and Maths tests.

Please remember to continue to bring in any additional work done at home and please also remember not to worry about the SATs. Try the following to help: deep breathing, counting to ten, getting fresh air, thinking positive thoughts – speak to yourself and say 'I will get full marks', listening to soothing music, exercising and talking to family and friends – as the saying states 'a problem shared is a problem halved'. Enjoy the bank holiday weekend and remember to revise!

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