

Villiers Primary School



Nursery & Reception

Weekly Newsletter

Nursery

This week in Literacy we have been linking all our work to *'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'*. We used puppets to act out the story in our Three Bears Cottage role-play area and tried to join in with repeated phrases in the story.

Next week we will be using our book corner to share books.

In Maths we have been sorting out objects for Daddy Bear, Mummy Bear and Baby Bear into 3 piles.

Next week we will continue to sort objects, but this time into hard and soft objects.

In Topic we have been making play dough bears from ball and sausage shapes, which was huge fun!

Next week we will be going on Autumn walks around the school garden and seeing what we can find.

Every day we have time to show the other children things brought in from home – things the children have made or souvenirs of places they've visited or things the children have found on their walks, like conkers and acorns.

Thank you if you've already sent things in and feel free to do so if you haven't!

Remember it is Parents Evening on Monday from 5-7 o'clock. You don't need an appointment to see us and it will be lovely to meet you to let you know how your child has settled into Nursery.

See you there!

Reception

This week we have been doing lots of activities linked to *'The Gingerbread Man'* we have been listening to the story and pretending we were Gingerbread Men saying 'Run, run as fast as you can you can't catch me I'm the Gingerbread Man'. We have also been practising Fred talking words such as dog, pig and cat. We have been using our fine motor skills to cut out pictures and to write our names and simple words.

In Maths we have been practising our counting skills; we have been recognising numbers and counting out different amounts of objects. Reception was like Great British Bake off this week we have all made Gingerbread men and taken them home to sample. We hope you enjoyed them, all the teachers certainly did.

Next week our book of the week is *'Goldilocks'* we are going to continue Fred talking and writing sounds and words linked to the story.

In Maths we are going to be learning different positional language like 'in, on, under, behind and in front'. In Topic we are going to be finding out about bears and using junk to make models.

In P.E. we have been practising getting changed independently and making sure we look after our uniforms so we don't lose anything. Can you please make sure that all clothing is named.

All children are working really hard with their reading and sounds, please continue to practise daily. Thank you to everyone who has brought in a Wow sheet, it's great to find out what you get up to at home and sharing this with your friends and teachers at school.

Don't forget it is Parents Evening on Monday between 5pm and 7pm; it will be lovely to meet you all and have a chat about your children.

Have a lovely weekend and see you all Monday, ready for another exciting week.

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Year 1 &
Year 2

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Year 1

This week in Maths we have been completing shape and number patterns. In English we have been writing our own story about a toy that gets lost.

Just to let you know Year 1 have circle time on Tuesdays. This is where the children can bring in some work they have done at home to show or they can tell their class some news.

Thank you very much for the wonderful baby photographs that have been sent in. The children really enjoyed looking at them and comparing how they have changed from when they were a baby.

Thank you for all of the medical consent forms that have been completed. Please can we remind parents to complete these and to send them in as soon as possible.

We have issued your child with the Year 1 Phonics Workshop Power Point today.

Please refer to the websites for more information.

Year 2

This week, Year 2 have been continuing to learn about the Great Fire of London. We have created our own collages using tissue paper and card.

Our teachers have been really pleased with our work.

In English, we have been reading and writing our instructions. We have been focusing on using time words and connectives.

In Maths, we have been learning about odd and even numbers and have been continuing number sequences.

Next week, in English we will be focusing on fairy tales and in Maths, we will be using money and learning about 'more and less than'.

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Year 3 &
Year 4

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Year 3

In Year 3 this week we have been looking at addition in Maths and in English we have been using the story of Rama and Sita to help us write our own traditional tale.

We have continued to learn about the Stone Age in our Topic lessons and this week we have explored materials that people in the Stone Age would have used to make cave paintings.

Next week we will be looking at addition and subtraction in Maths and we will be writing sets of instructions in English. We will also continue our work on The Stone Age and our Science topic of 'Plants'.

Just to remind you P.E. kits must be in school for our P.E. lesson on Tuesdays and swimming kit is needed on Wednesdays.

Thank you.

Year 4

Next Mondays Open Evening is a drop in session for parents to come and meet new Class Teachers and we are looking forward to seeing you all.

This week in English we have been looking at Horrid Henry and writing a good character description, describing a setting and writing our own stories.

In English next week we will be looking at writing instructions using bullet points, time words and bossy words. (The imperative verb). We will look at writing a variety of instructions such as a recipe, game instructions and directions.

In Maths this week we have been looking at using different methods to add and then using this to solve problems.

Next week we will be looking at subtraction methods and the relationship between adding and subtracting.

In Science we will continue to look at sound and start making our own musical instruments.

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Year 5 &
Year 6

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Year 5

This week in Year 5 we have been maintaining our efforts.

In English we have been using adjectives to design our own spy gadget. We have written non-chronological reports and instructions on how to use our gadget. Next week, we will be writing a diary entry as Alex Rider and other Characters from 'Stormbreaker', thinking about feeling words and structuring our writing using paragraphs. Children will also have the opportunity to up-level their own piece of writing.

In Maths we have been adding and subtracting money using a variety of methods. Next week, we will be focusing on time. We will be reading both analogue and digital clocks and using our skills in word problems.

In Topic we have created our own Mayan disc using a variety of intricate patterns. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this and have created some beautiful pieces.

Keep working hard Year 5!

Year 6

This week in Year 6 we have all been working hard, as usual!

In English we have moved on from Macbeth to non-fiction, by reading and writing non-chronological reports on a huge variety of subjects ranging from World War II Victory Gardens to Minecraft!

We are always pushing our English and Maths skills in order to get to the next level.

In Topic lessons we have been imagining ourselves as evacuees, and considering all of the emotions and feelings which that would bring.

Some of us have even been empathising with the poor suffering parents! Everyone is really enthusiastic about the topic, which is great to see.

In Science lessons we have been investigating the life cycle of plants – particularly pollination. We have been dissecting flowers and had a go at carrying pollen between 'flowers' as pollinators ourselves.

Not only was it fun, but everyone has a much better understanding of the process now.

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