

# Villiers Primary School



## Nursery & Reception

## Weekly Newsletter

### Nursery

This week has been a busy week in Nursery!

In Literacy we have based our work around '*Goldilocks and the Three Bears*', seeing if your children can join in with the repetitive phrases in the story. We looked at books together in the Book Corner and the children enjoyed sharing the books with each other.

In Phonics we have learnt the 'd' and 't' sound.

In Maths we have been sorting materials into soft and hard, so the children understand what Daddy Bear and Mummy Bear's chairs and beds were like.

In Topic we have been painting bears, looking for signs of Autumn in the school garden and building a den for the three bears.

Next week we will be basing our work around '*Going on a Bear Hunt*'. We will be going on a bear hunt around the school outside area, practising going under, over and through and '*painting*' bears on laptops, using the 2Paint a Picture programme.

In Maths we will be counting bears and in phonics we will be learning two new sounds.

Thank you to everyone who managed to attend Parents Evening on Monday – it was lovely to meet you all. Thank you for all your positive comments!

Please remember to hear your child read their books as often as you can. We also love to know what your child has been doing out of school, so feel free to send in certificates, photographs or work done at home.

Have a lovely weekend.

### Reception

At the start of the week Reception teachers got to meet lots of mums and dads and other family members for Parents Evening it was lovely to tell your family how well you have all settled and how hard you are all working.

This week Goldilocks and the Three Bears has been our topic for the week, in Literacy we have been Fred talking how the bears would feel; sad, mad and Goldilocks was bad.

In Maths we have been learning positional language such as in front and behind.

In Topic we have been learning about different bears and where we would find them in the world. We have also used junk to make our own chair for baby bear.

Next week we are going to be listening to the story of The Three Pigs. In Literacy we will be retelling the story in sequence and repeating and writing down what the wolf said.

In Maths we are going to be counting lots of things, some things you can see and others you can't. Practise your counting skills over the weekend so you can wow us next week.

In Topic we are going to investigate different materials, thinking about what would be good to make a house out of.

We practise our reading every day in school during our RWI lessons so keep practising at home too. Lots of you are trying really hard and are beginning to Fred talk lots of simple words.

Keep bringing in your wow sheets we love to see what you have been doing at home.

Have a lovely weekend and see you all next week.

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Year 1 &  
Year 2

Weekly

## Year 1

This week in English we have focused on our new book *'Not a Stick'*. We have enjoyed thinking of different uses for a stick. We have thought of some really exciting uses, such as a baton, a fishing rod or a paintbrush. Please encourage your child to think of other uses.

In Maths we have focused on money. We have enjoyed looking at different coins. If your child goes shopping with you please encourage them to help you choose the coins that you will need and start to think about the change that will be needed. Thank you.

In Science we are continuing to explore materials. This week we focused on floating and sinking. We thoroughly enjoyed testing objects and finding out if our predictions were correct.

We are continuing to explore in Topic – *'All About Me'*. This week in both Religious Education and Topic we have discussed our families, sequenced our milestones and created a family tree. We really enjoyed these activities. Next week we will start to focus upon Diwali in Topic as we will lead this Whole School celebration after half term.

Thank you for attending Parents Evening, Year 1 staff enjoyed meeting and discussing with you. Please remember to return Extra-Curricular forms. Clubs will begin on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

Thank you for your continued support with homework. This will continue to be issued on a Friday and will be due in on a Tuesday. Please continue to support your child with their spellings as the weekly spelling test will be undertaken on a Friday.

Please note that we will continue to have P.E. twice a week on a Monday and a Thursday. Please ensure that your child's labelled P.E. kit is in school on these days and your child's earrings are removed. Thank you.

## Year 2

During English this week we have been focusing on fairy stories and will continue to do so next week.

During Maths this week we have focused on more than and less than in Miss Doyle's class and money in Miss Collinson's and Mrs Phillips' classes. Next week we will be looking at shape work.

During Art we are continuing to focus on *'The Great Fire of London'*. We look forward to a special visit from Time Pieces on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2014. We know that we will learn lots more about this important time in history.

Thank you for attending Parents Evening on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014. Year 2 staff enjoyed meeting and discussing with you. Please remember to return Extra-Curricular forms. Clubs will begin on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

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Please note that we will continue to have P.E. twice a week on a Tuesday and a Wednesday. Please ensure that your child's labelled P.E. kit is in school on these days with all items labelled and your child's earrings are removed if they are unable to remove them independently.

Please remember to return the Residential Activity Week form for Kingswood as soon as possible.

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Year 4

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## Year 3

In Year 3 this week we have been looking at addition and subtraction in Maths and in English we have been using adverbs and imperative verbs to add detail to instructions.

We have continued to learn about the Stone Age in our Topic lessons and this week we have looked at Stone Age tools, when they were made, how they were made and what they were used for.

Next week we will be looking at subtraction and place value in Maths and we will be writing our own poetry in English. We will also continue our work on The Stone Age by making our Stone Age tools. We would ask that children bring in materials from home such as cardboard boxes, tubes, string (but no glass).

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.

Please ensure all kit is labelled.

Thank you.

## Year 4

This week we have been busy writing instructions during English. We have been looking at the features of instructions and have been trying to use them in our writing.

Remember to continue to practise your spellings at home every night.

In P.E. we have been practising skipping with a rope. We have had a lot of fun mixing dance and skipping by skipping to some of our favourite pop songs.

It is an exciting way to help us to stay fit and healthy and something that we can even do at home.

During our Topic sessions we have continued to find out about the Stone Age. This week we have been learning all about the tools that they used and how this helped to change their way of life.

Thank You to all of the children and families who have completed research at home.

We have enjoyed looking at pictures, books and artefacts that have been sent in.

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## Year 5

This week we have been writing diary entries from the perspective of Alex Rider, we have been focusing on paragraphs, emotive language and varying our sentences for effect.

In Maths we have been learning to tell the time on both analogue and digital clocks, we have also applied our skills into problem solving.

In P.E. we had our last lesson on African Dance; all children thoroughly enjoyed this and built a lot of confidence through showing their dance to others.

This week we will be moving on to Gymnastics, balancing using patches and points.

During our Topic sessions we have continued to find out information about the Mayans. We have created beautiful Mayan Discs, which have been used for display.

Well done Year 5!

## Year 6

This week in Year 6, we have been focussing on diary entries.

Miss Challenor's English group have been reading Anne Frank's diary and empathising with how difficult life was for Anne living in the annexe during such horrific times.

Mr Palmer's group have been *reading 'James and the Giant Peach'* by Roald Dahl and focussing on dialogue and speech.

Mrs Kaur's group have been looking at non-commercial advertising through the company '*War Child*' and considering how difficult life is for children living through war.

In Science we have been explaining and illustrating the different stage in the life cycle of a plant.

Once again Year 6 have been working very hard.

Please remember to practice spellings and read at home every night.

Next week's homework will be English focussed.

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