

Villiers Primary School



**Nursery &
Reception**

**Weekly
Newsletter**

Nursery

What a busy week we have had! We are very sad that Mrs Craft has hurt her foot this week but are looking forward to her coming back next week.

In Maths, we have been thinking about the size of things. We have used words like 'big' and 'small' or even more difficult words like 'taller' and 'shorter'. We tried to put plant pots in order from the biggest to the smallest.

In English we have been sharing 'Jasper and the Beanstalk', written by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen. We have talked about what order things happen when the beanstalk grows. We have used words like leaf and seed to describe the beanstalk. Our teachers have been helping us to recognise the sound at the start of words.

In Topic we are making a wormery. This is a special home for worms to live in where we can watch them make their wormholes. We have made sure that the worms have plenty of leaves to eat. It hasn't all been about worms though, we have searched for other insects in the school garden and the playground. We have looked closely at them and described what we have found.

Please could you send in any outstanding forms and so on for our Nursery trip.

Have a fantastic weekend. We hear it should be sunny on Monday so will look forward to searching for more insects outside next week.

Reception

We have had a short week this week but we have still managed to get lots done. In English we have been looking at the book Dear Zoo. We have written letters to the zoo and asked them to send us a certain animal. We have also looked at using adjectives to describe different animals. We are going to continue doing this next week.

In Maths we have been continuing to practise our skill of doubling. We are getting really good at this.

In Topic we have been planting different plants and seeds. We are going to look after them and make sure they grow. We are going to keep a beady eye on them. Next week in Maths we are going to be sharing objects. Practise your sharing skills at home so you are ready to show off your talents in Maths next week. In topic we are going to look at different animals and make our own story books about them. See if you can find any information out about different animals to bring to school on Monday.

We are all getting very excited about our trip to Twycross Zoo. Please can all parents send in consent forms as soon as possible. Thank you.

Keep practising your reading books and your Fred Talking at home, all Reception teachers are really pleased with the progress everyone is making.

Have a lovely weekend and see you all Monday ready for a full week at school.

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Year 1 &
Year 2

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Year 1

Last week the pupils in Year 1 enjoyed a successful visit to the Sealife Centre, Birmingham. They saw lots of marine animals, watched a 4D movie about sea pollution and even got to touch a star fish! All pupils in Year 1 behaved superbly and were a real credit to the school—a big well done from all of the teachers. Photographs from the trip have been put on the school server so pupils across the school can see.

In English the pupils writing has focused on the Sealife trip. On Tuesday the pupils wrote a recount of their visit. It was amazing how much they recalled and the interesting facts that were learned about the animals. The pupils also researched a marine animal and wrote information posters. On Friday the pupils chose a marine animal and wrote an extended piece of writing about it.

In Maths the pupils revisited addition and subtraction. They practised their skills and then applied their knowledge to real life word problems.

In Topic the pupils are planning an island that they will then make. Please send in any boxes or recycled materials they could use to help make these with.

Year 2

With the Year 2 SATs looming ever closer, the pupils have had no rest in this shortened week. The week began with SATs practice. The pupils did a Level 2 and Level 3 Reading paper and then worked on targeted gaps in their knowledge.

The teachers are very pleased with the progress in Reading and the majority of pupils are ready to start their education in Key Stage 2.

In English the pupils also studied the book *The Enormous Turnip*. They read the story, answered comprehension questions about it and then wrote about what it would be like to see an enormous piece of fruit!

In Maths, the pupils have worked on their mental maths skills. They have been learning to improve their rapid recall of number facts and how to apply tricks and number rules to solve problems at speed.

In Topic the children have carried on with work about the topic of Africa. They wrote a report about Africa. They also learned some verrrrry long African local words.

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Year 3

It's been a very short week but we have still managed to get lots done!

In English we have written our own version of Sleeping Beauty. We have concentrated on using lots of description to make our stories interesting for the reader. Next week we will be looking at 'silly kings' such as King Midas and King Canute.

In Maths we have been working on real life problems. We have been using our addition, subtraction, division and multiplication skills to solve the problem. Next week we will be moving on to fractions.

In R.E. we have continued to focus on the Sikh religion. We have looked at prayers and had a go at writing our own. We will continue with this next week.

In topic we created a collage of life past and present in the Black Country. We will continue with our topic on a local area next week.

Please continue to complete your Reading Passports remembering to complete only one 500 mile destination each day.

Year 4

In English this week, we have continued to focus our writing on the text 'How to train your dragon'. We have been writing humorous play scripts based on the story.

In Maths Miss Wood's group have been solving problems using the four operations, Ms Harris' group have adding money and finding change while Miss Burkitt's group have been learning about the different ways that data can be presented.

In Topic, we have been finding out about the features of a river and learning what happens to the river during the course of its journey.

During Science, we have been learning about predators and their prey. We have also looked at how some animals can be both and linked this to a food chain.

We are looking forward to learning our new instrument, the ukulele. We have been finding out that it belongs to the string family and is played all around the world. Did you know that ukulele means jumping flea in Hawaiian?

Thank you for your enthusiastic start to our Reading Passports. Just a reminder to only complete one 500 mile destination each time even if you read for longer than 10 minutes.

Please continue to send in trip letters and money.

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Year 5 &
Year 6

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Year 5

This week children have been trying really hard in English with the myth “Theseus and the Minotaur”, we have written summaries and letters based on this story. We have continued our topic of Explorers and have researched different mountain ranges in the world.

Next week we will be continuing Theseus and the Minotaur and will be designing our own computer game, based on this myth. We will be writing instructions on how to use the game and a leaflet persuading people to buy it.

In P.E. children will be creating their own sequence, including rolls, balances, jumps and travels.

Have a great weekend!

Year 6

The moment everyone’s been waiting for has finally arrived...SATs week! This is your moment to show off everything you’ve learnt...and you’ve all certainly learnt a lot! As hard as it may sound, relax and enjoy the tests. You’ve done them before – it’s just a matter of doing your real best!

Just a few tips for next week:

- * Sleep early –a good night’s rest will ensure you can perform at your best every day!
- * Eat breakfast. Remember, there will be a breakfast club available next week starting at 8.30am. So arrive early!
- * Feel confident and apply all the knowledge and skills your teachers have been teaching you!
- * Read the questions carefully and answer what the question is asking!
- * Be positive and feel confident!

We wish all the children the very best for next week and we know you are all going to do really well!

It’s been a short week for all of Villiers children, but they’ve still managed to complete a lot. Well done!

Maths and English lessons have continued to focus on revision.

Children particularly enjoyed carrying out some research on famous Ancient Greeks, which they will use to produce their very own booklets!

Good luck for next week and we wish you all the very best!

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