

# Villiers Primary School



## Nursery & Reception

## Weekly Newsletter

### Nursery

We have had a lovely week in Nursery this week learning all about Minibeasts!

We looked at factual texts in English and learnt what a minibeast is and the different kinds of minibeasts there are. We talked about ladybirds, spiders, millipedes and woodlouse to name a few!

In Maths we looked at quantity, using words such as bigger, smaller, same, more and fewer to describe amounts.

In Topic we went on a minibeasts hunt in the school grounds and found lots of snails, ants, worms and woodlouse. We made our own insects, using collage materials - we had fantastic ideas like using net material for butterfly wings and straws to make snails! We also explored music this week - playing instruments rhythmically to our favourite songs.

Next week is a very exciting one! We have a 'Reading In Comfort Day' on Monday - please send your child to school in comfortable clothing and encourage them to bring their favourite book. We will be encouraging them to share their books with the rest of their group during the day.

On Wednesday it is AM Nursery's trip to Hoo Farm and on Thursday it is PM Nursery's turn. Please remember that the trip is for the FULL DAY - children will need a packed lunch, a waterproof coat and wellies. On Wednesday there will be NO PM Nursery and on Thursday NO AM Nursery. Friday is an INSET DAY for all children. If you haven't already done so, please send in the consent form and payment of £15.

Thank you and have a lovely weekend.

### Reception

We have been so busy this week. We have been learning all about different animals. We have got information from books and the internet and used this to write our own facts about some of the animals we will see at Twycross Zoo.

In Maths we have been sharing objects between two. Next week we are going to share into different numbers of groups.

In Topic we have been making our own pop up books about animals, next week we are going to show our creative side and paint some pictures of our favourite animals.

Next week we are focussing on reading. We all love to hear stories and look at books. During the week we are going to share our favourite books with our friends, then on Thursday we are going to have a 'Reading for comfort' day. Don't forget to wear your onesies and bring your favourite book into school. Please can you bring in £1 as this will go towards buying new books for our classrooms.

Can parents please send in consent forms for our trip to Twycross Zoo and can any outstanding money please be paid as soon as possible.

Thank you to all parents for your support hearing your children read at home. All children in Reception are making super progress.

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## Year 1

It has been another busy week in Year 1. We have read 'Owl Babies' in English this week and have been using lots of adjectives and similes to describe different settings.

In Maths we have been using our problem solving skills to complete a range of word problems for the four different operations. We have been showing our method of working too!

In Science we have made a 'cress head' by planting some cress seeds using cotton wool. We all decorated our own pot. Already some of the seeds have started to germinate.

Next week we are continuing to use the story 'Owl Babies' to write our own stories. In Maths we are adding money and solving some simple money problems.

On Thursday remember to bring in £1 to dress up in comfy clothes for 'Reading for Pleasure in Comfort' day. Continue to write in your child's reading diary when you hear your child read.

## Year 2

This week in Year 2 the pupils have made a lot of progress in Mathematics. Miss Collinson's group have been applying their solid understanding of the four operations to work through problems and puzzles. Miss Collinson was very impressed with the pupils logic and reasoning skills. Miss Doyle's and Mrs Phillip's groups have been adding and taking away using a 100 square. All Maths work this week has been reinforced through lunchtime booster sessions.

In English the pupils have been writing non-chronological reports about people who help them. They researched people who help them, created spider diagrams and then used this planning to produce some in-depth reports. Mr Booth visited Year 2 this week to look and the pupils writing and he was very impressed with what he saw. He was sure that in the future there will be some professional writers from Villiers!

Also this week the preparation for the Year 2 production began. On Friday afternoon the pupils took part in auditions for parts. These will continue next week so please practise speaking and acting at home if your child wants a lead role.

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## Year 3

In English this week we have continued with our theme of 'silly kings'. We have written a comparison text based on two of the kings we have been learning about.

In Maths we have been learning about fractions. We have been adding fractions with the same denominator and finding a fraction of an amount.

In Science this week we have looked at how we can stay safe in the dark. We enjoyed looking at high visibility jackets and how they reflect light.

Next week we will be looking at performance poetry in English. We will be writing and performing our own poem based on the kings we have looked at this week.

In Maths we will be continuing with our topic of fractions.

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 with our work on dragons and have been using powerful verbs, adverbs and conjunctions. We have been writing a set of instructions about how to both trap a dragon and take care of a baby dragon. Next week we will be performing and writing dragon poetry.

In Maths Miss Burkitt's group have been working on telling the time on analogue clocks to read the time to the nearest 5 minutes. Miss Wood's group have been presenting and interpreting data in both bar and line graphs. Ms Harris' group have been continuing sequences and patterns by rotating and reflecting letters. We have also been investigating the interior angles of shapes in order to create shapes using Beebots and Logo.

In Science we have started our new topic on 'Living Things and Their Habitats'. We have been looking at the 7 characteristics of living things.

In Topic we have been looking at Egyptian art and hieroglyphics in order to write our own names ready to create our own cartouche.

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## Year 5

This week children have created their own computer game based on Theseus and the Minotaur.

We have written instructions based on our game and have created spectacular mythical creatures for our golden writing.

Next week, children will be researching travel guides to identify different types of language used and will then create their own travel guide for Athens or Crete.

We are looking forward to our "Pleasure for Reading Day", where children can bring their favourite book into school, along with a blanket and any materials they need for their afternoon activities.

## Year 6

This week has been extremely busy in Year 6. We have worked so hard in our SATs tests and are looking forward to a brilliant set of results in July.

In the afternoons we have been revising in English and Maths and then enjoying time in the fresh air.

Now that the SATs are over we are looking ahead to our production of Oliver. We have watched a version of the production to inspire us and have held auditions too. Please can we remember that next week we will begin our production practices until half past 5 on Tuesday evening. It is really important that all children attend to enable us to put on the best show possible.

Next week please remember that there is an INSET day on Friday. Moseley Park staff will also be visiting us on Thursday morning to complete a Greek themed project day.

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