

# Villiers Primary School



## Nursery & Reception

## Weekly Newsletter

### Nursery

This week has been an especially busy one for us in Nursery!

On Monday it was our 'Reading for Pleasure' day. We had a wonderful time looking at the books your children had brought in. Many thanks to all of you who took the time to do this!

On Wednesday and Thursday we took all the children to Hoo Farm, to see all the different farm animals! We saw pigs, cows, sheep, goats, donkeys, horses, ducks and many more! We hope your children enjoyed the day as much as we did!

After half term our topic will be (not a big surprise!) The Farm! In English we will be talking about the farm visit and then writing about their favourite animal, using their phonic knowledge.

In Maths we will be using the Numicon to count and compare amounts. We will explore what happens if we separate five Numicon pegs into two groups. Will the total of pegs remain the same?

In Topic we will be painting animals we saw at the farm and playing games, such as Farm dominoes.

This week we have sent home the beans your children grew this term. You can plant them into a bigger pot or straight out into the garden if you prefer. We would love to see how they grow—please send in any photographs of your children with their beans!

We have also sent home WOW sheets to complete and some Phonic work to keep your children busy!

Have a wonderful half term. We look forward to seeing you all safe and sound on Monday 1st June.

### Reception

Another busy week in Reception with lots of learning taking place. We have really enjoyed reading all your favourite books this week and have worked hard to write reviews about them. In Maths we have been counting to higher numbers and ordering numbers. In Topic we have been using lots of different media and materials to create different animal pictures.

On Thursday we had our 'Reading in Comfort' day. It was very relaxing and the teachers especially enjoyed wearing their onesies! We had a lovely time sharing our different books and talking about reading for pleasure. We have all been working hard on our new 'Reading Tree Challenge' and have begun to move up our ladders—don't forget to get your reading diaries signed so teachers can check and move you up the tree!

After half term we will be spending our first week back learning about other animals ready for our trip to Twycross Zoo on Thursday 4th June. Could we please have any outstanding payments and consent forms ASAP. Thank you.

We will also be looking at measuring distances in different ways in Maths and thinking about healthy eating in Topic during our first week back.

Wishing you all a happy half term and we will see you bright and early on Monday 1st June.

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## Year 1

This week we have had a fantastic week getting ready for 'Comfy Day'! We had a really good day reading and creating our own characters.

In English we have been creating our own version of 'Owl Babies'. We have planned the story and focused on writing a beginning, middle and end. At home you could read a story and change parts of it and ask your child about how the changes have affected the character.

In Maths this week we have been focusing on money. We have been making amounts up to £5. Children have developed in confidence using different coins. At home you could help your child by asking them to count coins.

After half term we would like to ask parents if they could send their children with photos of themselves when they were babies.

We hope you have a lovely and relaxing half term. Keep practising phonics with your children over the half term.

## Year 2

This week we have been continuing revision ready for our SATs tests. In Maths we have been looking at finding missing numbers, fractions, units of measures and rounding.

In English we have been focusing on the story 'Hansel and Gretel.' We have been writing newspaper reports and focusing on structure and punctuation.

It has been very exciting as we have been taking part in auditions for our production of Alice in Wonderland. The audition was based on a singing audition and a drama audition. Our teachers have been very busy giving everybody a part.

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Just a reminder that all children with lines to learn must learn these over half term.

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## Year 3

In English we have been looking at poetry, writing our own version of God Save The Queen. This was great fun! After half term we will be continuing with poetry focusing on senses.

In Maths we have been finding fractions of numbers. We will continue after half term with more fraction work.

In Topic we have written a diary entry as if we were Lady Wulfruna. We learnt about the battle of Tettenhall when the Vikings invaded! We will continue with our topic on the local area after half term.

We had our last R.E. lesson on Sikhism, next half term we will be looking at the founder of the Christian religion.

We have had loads of fun on our 'Reading in Comfort Day'. We have never been so comfy in school!

Enjoy the Half Term holiday!

## Year 4

In English this week we have continued to base our work around the themes of 'Dragons'. We have read a range of poems based on our theme and even had a go at performing them. We were able to use expression and some of us used actions too. After the holidays we will be looking at Modern Fiction texts.

In Maths, Ms Harris' group have been looking at measuring using mixed units, Miss Wood's group have been converting time and Miss Burkitt's group have been learning about the different angles. Please continue to practise your times tables during the holidays.

During Topic this week we made our own cartouches using hieroglyphics. We found out why the Ancient Egyptians thought they were special and what they were used for.

Unfortunately, we had to postpone our Inter House Football Tournament due to bad weather. We are hoping to complete the rest of the matches in the first Friday after the holidays. Remember to have your full P.E. kit in school.

We hope you have a fantastic Half Term break.

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## Year 5

In English this week, children have been writing their own travel guides linking to the story of "Theseus and the Minotaur", we have been focusing on effective language and how this will persuade people to visit.

In Topic, we have been writing diary entries from the perspective of Christopher Columbus and have enjoyed learning about his explorations.

"Reading for Pleasure Day" has been a great success. Children have brought in their own books to share with the other children and have participated in different activities linked to their books.

Also, just quick reminder, if you want your child to be registered for a place in a Birmingham Grammar School, they need to be registered online by Friday 10th July 2015.

Have a fantastic half term and we look forward to seeing you the first week back, ready to work :)

## Year 6

This week in Year 6 we have started our production rehearsals in earnest. Auditions were very successful and our first after school rehearsal proved very beneficial.

We have continued with our writing in English lessons this week. Miss Challenor's English Group have been writing reviews on the hopeful acts appearing on Britain's Got Talent. Mrs. Kaur's English Group have been writing Medusa poems, with some being very enthralling. In Mr. Palmer's English Group, the children have started to write the beginnings to their own 'Quest Story'; where will they take us?

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit from Moseley Park staff and students for our Greek themed morning. The children heard and learnt about a vast wealth of Greek myths, as well as creating their own storyboards about these myths. We also made our own models of Medusa and Perseus and designed a range of Greek God and Goddess mosaics.

Children attending the residential should now have received a kit list. Use the half term to get prepared for what will be a fantastic three days together at Kingswood, Colomendy.

Have a wonderful half term and remember to stay safe!

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