

# Villiers Primary School



## Nursery & Reception

## Weekly Newsletter

### Nursery

This half term our topic is The Farm. In English we spoke to the children about our farm visit and then wrote about their favourite animal, using their phonic knowledge.

In Maths we used the Numicon to count and compare amounts. We explored what happened when we separated the same amount of Numicon pegs into two groups. Would the total amount of pegs remain the same? We also revised the terminology of quantity - **more/fewer** and the **same**. Please use these words at home whenever you can to help reinforce what we have done in class.

In Topic we painted animals and made things we saw at the farm, we also played games, such as Farm dominoes.

Next week is a special week, as it is when the new September Nursery children will visit Nursery for the first time with their parents. It doesn't seem a year ago when your children came does it? As a result we have lots of outside and hall activities planned, including dance, ring games, using the outdoor and soft play equipment and practising for Sports Day.

Thank you to all parents who have returned WOW sheets, homework and work done at home over the holiday, it's lovely to see what your children have achieved. Remember to sign your child's diary when they have been heard read to move up the Reading Tree too!

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

### Reception

What a great week we have had in Reception this week. At the beginning of the week we prepared for our visit to the zoo we talked about the animals and wrote letters to the zoo asking them for a pet. In Maths we have been measuring things using different objects and in Topic we have been talking about staying healthy and we have made healthy fruit kebabs.

On Thursday we had our visit to Twycross Zoo, Mrs Woodward booked lots of sunshine and we had a fantastic day. We saw lots of different animals and the sun shone all day. I am sure you all slept well on Thursday night, I know all the teachers did.

Next week we will be making cards for Fathers day, writing about our visit to the zoo and in Maths we are going to be measuring time. I wonder how we will do that?

As reading is a big focus at the moment we would like you to take pictures of yourselves reading in unusual places. Please print your pictures and send them into school so we can display them in our reading area. The most unusual place to be reading a book will win a prize.

Please remember to sign your child's reading diary every day so they can move up the Reading Tree in school.

Have a lovely weekend lets hope the weather is nice and sunny.

See you all Monday.

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## Year 1

Year 1 have been very busy this week in Maths. The children revisited division as sharing on Monday. They were given lots of real life problems and apparatus to solve problems. The children then moved onto halving. It was amazing to see how many of the children could apply their knowledge of division when halving. This week's homework is about division so be prepared to be impressed with some super calculations.

In English the children continued work on Owls. They researched, planned then wrote an information text about barn owls. The writing was to a very high standard and it is clear most of the children are ready for Year 2.

In each classroom there is a reading tree. Every time the children read at home they can move a photograph of themselves up the tree. Many children are progressing to the tree house but others are not. It is vital that you read at home with your child, every night if possible.

Many children have also brought in photographs of themselves as babies for their RE lessons. If you have not yet sent in a photograph please do so. All photographs will be returned at the end of the term.

Have a lovely weekend.

## Year 2

Year 2 have been cramming this week in preparation for SATs next week. In Maths each group has been doing different things. Mrs Phillips' group have been problem solving, Miss Collinson's group have been revising the inverse operation and Miss Doyle's group revisited shape.

In English the pupils started the week writing a recount about the holidays. It was lovely to read about the nice things the children got up to. The pupils also started work on the book Hansel and Gretel.

Year 2 work was moderated this week by the Local Authority. We are proud to announce that our pupil level assessments were confirmed as accurate and the Local Authority were pleased with the volume and depth of work in books.

### **AN IMPORTANT REMINDER!**

**Next week is the Year 2 SATs tests. School will start for Year 2 pupils at 8.30am. The pupils are to come to the side entrance where they will be welcomed with a snack and a drink. Please ensure your child has plenty of sleep next week and attends school. Feel free to chat to any member of staff if you have a question.**

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## Year 3

Welcome back to everyone after half term. In English this week, we have been looking at poetry. We have been focusing on using our senses to write similes and metaphors to describe the sea. We then performed these poems in our groups and we watched famous poets performing their poetry.

In Maths we have been continuing to learn about fractions. We have been placing fractions on a number line and finding fractions of different amounts.

In Science this week we have finished our topic on 'Light' and we have begun our new topic of 'Forces and Magnets'.

Next week in English we will be starting our new topic about 'Aliens'. We will be beginning by looking at the book 'Aliens Love Underpants'.

In Maths we will be focusing on problem solving, looking at logic problems and puzzles.

Please can we ask that all P.E. kits are back in school as we will be beginning to practise for Sports Day.

Thank you.

## Year 4

During English this week we have been basing our work around the author Jacqueline Wilson. We used the laptops to do research based on Jacqueline and made a fact file using the information that we found. We have been thinking about how we can include character's feelings and thoughts in our writing and used this when writing a brand new chapter for the book, 'The Suitcase Kid'.

During Science, we have been continuing our work based on living things and their habitats. We talked about different habitats from around the world and thought about why animals and plants live there. We compared lots of different habitats and found out why they are so important.

In Topic, we have found out about Egyptian Gods. The Gods were important to the people of Egypt and each of them were believed to have different qualities and powers. How many Gods can you name?

In P.E. this half term we will be practising for Sports Day. The children will be competing in a range of events to win points for their house team. Please remember to have your full P.E. kit in school.

Just a reminder that children should be attending school each day fully prepared. This includes reading books, diaries, swimming kits and P.E. kits.

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## Year 5

Year 5 have had a very productive week this week. In English we have been focusing on themes within myths and justifying characters' feelings through our writing. The children have used some fantastic vocabulary in their writing, which we have added to our writing wall. In the three Maths groups, children have been looking at analogue and digital time, timetables and BODMAS in algebra. We have launched our new topic in Science this week, which is "Scientific Enquiry", which will begin with aeroplanes. Children have had the opportunity to research the type of materials that are needed to make planes and the forces that act on them. They will also have the opportunity in the next few weeks to design their own hand made plane, test them, record their results and write conclusions based on this.

Next week in P.E, we will be getting ready for sports day and practising our techniques for the events. In Maths we will be focusing on solving problems using logic and in English we will be writing a myth, ensuring we include an opening, build-up, problem, resolution and a clear ending. We will be focusing on describing characters and setting through effective detail, evoking atmosphere through effective noun phrases and varying our sentence structure.

We are really looking forward to our Leather Museum trip next Tuesday. Children will be split into three groups and will learn all about the Industrial Revolution and how this changed the Black Country. We will also have the opportunity to make our own key rings from leather and participate in some role play activities in the afternoon. Children will need to ensure they are at school for 9:00am and must bring a packed lunch with them. Have a good weekend :)

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