

Villiers Primary School



Nursery & Reception

Weekly Newsletter

Nursery

In English this week we looked at the rhyming story 'Over on the Farm' and tried to complete the rhyming pairs in the story. We made Father's Day cards and wrote the inserts for inside the card. In Maths we will be exploring how totals stay the same, even when we split the amounts in different ways. E.g. 4 and 1 make 5. 5 and 0 make 5. 2 and 3 make 5. We also reinforced more/fewer and the same when comparing amounts.

In Topic we went on a Summer walk in the garden and saw how it changed from Autumn and Spring. We saw the leaves had grown on the trees, the weather was hotter and the daffodils had died. There were lots of flowers and bees on the lavender and we found lots of minibeasts as we walked around!

Next week is 'Real Life Maths and Sports week' and we have lots of special activities planned!

Every morning and afternoon we will start our session with a 'Wake and Shake', to get us all off to a fit start! We will be holding a Mini pentathlon and will be learning a whole school dance. We will also be learning about real life maths by cooking on Friday—a pitta bread pizza—and talking about how many tomatoes, sausage, cheese we will need and how we will share our pizza fairly.

Remember to sign your child's diary when they have been heard read to move up the Reading Tree too!

Have a lovely weekend, Happy Fathers Day for Sunday and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Reception

We have had another busy week in Reception this week. We have been practising our reading and changing our reading books. We can see that lots of children are reading at home every night. Well done! Lots of children are getting into the tree house on our reading tree. Don't forget if you have any pictures of you reading your books in unusual places please print them off and bring them into school.

In Maths we have been practising all our Mathematical skills using all the resources we have in Reception; we have remembered all the strategies we have learnt over the year. In Topic we have been completing our portfolios, we have been thinking about all the exciting things we have done during our time in Reception.

We are all looking forward to next week; we have lots of Sports and Maths activities planned. We are going to be cooking and have a mini pentathlon to complete and lots of other exciting activities. I hope you all get lots of rest at the weekend so you are full of energy ready for a very sporty experience.

Have a lovely weekend and see you all on Monday, let's hope we have some sunny weather so we can play outside.

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Year 1 &
Year 2

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Year 1

It has been all-hands-on-deck this week in Year 1 as the Phonic Screening Check took place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The threshold for the check will be released by GOV.UK on Monday 29th June. We will then write to you to let you know how your child got on. Remember the check is **not** a test. It is an activity to help inform the school of the children's decoding (reading) skills. Children who meet the required standard will continue with RWI (phonics) and/or guided reading. Children who do not meet the required standard will continue RWI, receive 1-1 phonic intervention in Year 2 and there will be an emphasis on more home reading activities.

In English the children have been completing a mini-project about the Queen and London. They have learned about our monarchy and about the London skyline. They then did some writing about the London landmarks and about the Queen and her dogs. Ask your child what it means when the flag above Buckingham Palace is flying at its highest (it means the Queen is at home!)

In Maths the children were using positional language, following directions and reading and plotting coordinates. The children became pirates and followed instructions to find treasure on a map.

Next week is Sports and Maths Week at school and all of the activities will centre around these two areas. Please make sure PE kits are in school everyday. On Thursday the children will be making pizzas so please speak to their class teacher if there are any allergies the school do not know about.

Year 2

The SATs may be over in Year 2 but the hard work continues! The teachers are busy collecting and collating the children's final levels for the end of Key Stage 1. These levels will be shared with you on your child's end of year report.

In English the children have been writing instructions and riddles. Lets see if your child can solve this riddle... *I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?* The first five children who say the correct answer to Mr Booth can have a house point.

In Maths the children have been learning about data handling and direction. Miss Collinson's group produced some superb bar graphs after collecting some data.

In Topic the pupils have been making... We would like to tell you but it may spoil the surprise on Sunday. [Watch this space!]

The Year 2 production is now in full flow. We are pleased to announce that all of the scenes have been rehearsed. We are at the stage when in small groups certain parts can be polished. The dances are coming along nicely.

Next week is Real Life Maths Week and Sports Week. All the activities will focus on Maths in context and Sport. The children will be very active and start the day with a wake-up, shake-up aerobic dance! Please ask your child daily about the fun things they have been up to.

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Year 3 &
Year 4

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Year 3

This week in Maths some of us have been looking at real life money problems and some of us have been working on shape, patterns and symmetry.

In English we have been continuing with our Alien theme. We have looked at the book *Beegu* by Alexis Deacon. We have been using descriptive devices to describe another planet.

In P.E. we have been practising our Netball skills in preparation for our Netball Tournament on Thursday. We also had great fun taking part in our Inter-house Cross Country Tournament.

Next week is National Sports week so we will be competing in lots of different sporting activities. We will also be using this week to look at where Maths is used in real life. In Year 3, on Monday, we will be making and tasting non-alcoholic cocktails made from different juices. Please see class teachers if you are concerned about any allergies your child may have that we are unaware of.

Please remember to have P.E. Kits in school all week ready to take part in the exciting sports activities.

Happy Fathers Day to all the Dads!

Year 4

This week in Maths Ms Harris's group have been looking at converting time between the 12hr and 24hr, Miss Wood's group have been continuing working on fractions while Miss Burkitt's group have been using the grid method for multiplying.

In English we have been using persuasive and imaginative language in our writing. We have enjoyed reading the text 'Gangsta Granny' and have been using it as a model for our writing.

In Topic, we used the facts that we know about Ancient Egypt to write our own rap! We used rhyming words and rhyming couplets to add humour to our work.

We had fun completing the Year 3/4 Cross Country today and we are excited to take part in National Sports Week next week. We will be taking part in lots of sporting activities throughout the week so make sure that your P.E. kit, including pumps, is in school every day. On Monday we will be cooking pancakes within the year group using the basic ingredients. Please let us know of any allergies as soon as possible. Just a reminder that Wednesday 24th June is an INSET Day.

We wish all the Dad's/
Grandads a Happy Father's
Day.

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Year 5 &
Year 6

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Year 5

This week the children have had fun learning about Greece myths and legends. They have looked at stories and rewritten them from a different perspective.

In Maths the children have been investigating the use of money, BODMAS and testing out fraction work using ICT.

The children took part in a cross country event at school on Friday. The children all tried hard and completed the course in record time.

The children are excited about next week. During National Sports Week the children will be taking part in Wake and Shake every morning. They will then be taking part in range of Sport, Science and Maths activities.

The children will be investigating the effects of physical activity on pulse rate, looking at healthy eating and the issues with not having a balanced diet.

The children will also be producing their own fruit drinks, starting by designing and planning what will be included, then using measures to produce and taste their creations.

(The children will be using squash, sparkling water, food colouring and flavourings)

Happy Fathers Day to all of you!

Year 6

The children have had real fun learning about Charles Darwin this week. They first researched into the life of this important scientist and discovered why his theory of natural selection is so valuable to the world of science. They then used their research notes to create an interesting and detailed biography.

The Year 6 production rehearsals of the play have continued throughout the week. The children are definitely growing more confident with their roles. It might be a good idea if they rehearse their part in front of a mirror so they can see their own expressions.

A very important reminder:

Children that are attending the Moseley Park Induction on **Tuesday 30th June** must return to school as soon as they finish and stay for the production rehearsal after school (which they normally do every Tuesday).

Next week is our Sports and Real Life Maths Week, which is packed with some exciting events. During this week, the children will have an opportunity to create and taste fruit juices. If you do not want your child to try some fruit juice can you please inform their teacher. Thank you.

Just to end on some very positive news - the Year 6 writing was moderated this week. Their writing has been of a very good standard and we are looking forward to a successful set of results. Thank you everybody for your hard work and determined attitude to do your best!

Happy Fathers Day to all the Dads and Grandads! Enjoy the day!

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