

Villiers Primary School



Nursery & Reception

Weekly Newsletter

Nursery

We have had a busy, but enjoyable second week in Nursery!

We've been settling the children into their daily routines and showing them how to use the equipment and tidy it away.

We've learnt the routine for snack time and where we go to the toilet and wash our hands.

We have given out reading books to the children for you to share at home. There are also sounds, colours, numbers and shapes in a little bag to practise—please feel free to replace this with a container your child would prefer.

We have also been learning all about your child – talking to them about your lives at home and seeing where they are in their learning, so we can take the next steps.

Next week we will continue with our settling in routines, getting to know the children and teaching them how to use the outside environment safely. Please send in PE kits on Monday, as the children will need these. AM Nursery PE is on Tuesday and PM Nursery PE is on Wednesday.

All the children are settling nicely into Nursery, but if you have any concerns please don't hesitate to speak to a member of Nursery staff.

Can I remind you all that safety is one of our primary concerns. At dismissal time we need to see that your child is leaving with you, so please wait until we send your child to you. If your child does run to you, without staff dismissing them, we will call them back to practise this vital skill. Many thanks for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend!

Reception

We are very pleased to say that Reception children have settled in well to our new routine at school and are now very confident when accessing resources around the classrooms. It has also been wonderful to see lots of new friendships blossoming across the classes.

This week in Maths we have been doing lots of counting and children have been showing us the numbers they recognise and which ones they can write. Could we please ask parents to practise counting and writing numbers to 10 and then 20 to help children become more confident. Next week we will be looking at how things can differ in size and trying to use the correct language to describe size.

In English we have started helping children develop their reading and writing skills. Every morning we have our RWI phonics lessons and so far we have covered the sounds m, a, s, d, t. Please practise reading and writing these at home with children as well as reading their book as often as possible. We have also been reading *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. Children have worked hard to retell the story to teachers from memory. Next week we will be looking at the story *The Three Little Pigs* and having a go at telling the story through role play.

In Topic we have been on an Autumn walk looking for signs of Autumn. See what Autumn signs you can see when you are out and about this weekend.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you next week.

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Year 1

What an exciting time we've had in Year 1 this week. We all enjoyed our visit to Peascroft Wood where we made our own den! We then created Nature Pictures. We learnt about the animals that live in the wood and the trees and plants that grow there.

In English we have been reading The Gingerbread Man and writing about our favourite part of the story. Next week in English we will be continuing with our Fairy Tale theme.

In Maths we have been learning to estimate and using the language of more than and less than. Next week in Maths we will be working on place value.

In Science this week we have been learning about different types of animals. Next week we will be continuing with our 'Humans and Other Animals' topic.

In Topic we are continuing to learn all about ourselves. Next week we will be painting portraits.

Please help us to dismiss your children safely at the end of the day by standing behind the red line and waiting for the children to be released to you one at a time. Thank you for your support with this.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Year 2

We have had an enjoyable week in the Year 2 this week.

This week in English we have continued to work on our Fairy Tale topic, and have worked on describing characters from different stories and have compared contrasting characters. Please continue to read these stories at home with your child. Next week in English we will be looking particularly at settings and again comparing them in different stories. We will also be focusing on punctuation. Please could you ensure that your child is using full stops and capital letters when writing at home.

In Maths this week we have been partitioning numbers into tens and ones. We have used Numicon to help us sort these numbers. Some children have found this challenging therefore, at home could you ensure that your child is able to count to and recognise numbers to at least 100. Next week we will be looking at number patterns and identifying similarities between numbers. At home you could chant numbers from the following times tables; 2,3, 5 and 10's.

We have introduced the topic 'The Great Fire of London' to the children this week. It would help your child if they could research this at home and bring in any findings to share.

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Year 5

In English this week, the children have been continuing with our text 'Street Child'. We had fun on Monday using Black Country dialect within our writing. It was bostin! We then wrote a conversation between two characters, ensuring our punctuation was correct. Next week we will be looking at workhouses in Victorian Times.

In Maths we have continued with our number work, looking at ordering and comparing numbers, up to and beyond 1,000,000. Next we will be looking at Roman Numerals .

We began our Science investigation on Tuesday with the question, 'Do taller people have bigger bones?' We have also continued our Topic titled, 'Can chocolate save the rainforest?'

Next week we will also be celebrating Roald Dahl day, where we will be performing the Augustus Gloop poem as a year group to the rest of the school. A copy will be sent home for your child to practise.

Year 6

We have had a very interesting week in Year 6 and have been delighted with the children's work.

In English, we have been exploring the story of Goodnight Mr Tom. We watched the first clip of the film and used this stimulus to create a very exciting piece of description, where we focused on using similes, metaphors and even personification. Some children read theirs out and they are all feeling proud of their writing (so are the teachers).

In Maths, all groups have been focusing on securing a strong understanding of place value. We have been rounding, ordering and adding and subtracting negative numbers. We have also carried out some short tests so we can gain a better understanding of what your children know and don't know.

In Science, we are continuing to look at similarities and differences between living things.

In Topic, we are finding out experiences of children during World War 2. This week, we studied images of WW2 and developed our sketching skills. We really enjoyed this and realised sketching is simply drawing lines of different sorts.

Next Friday, we will be celebrating Roald Dahl Day. The children will be allowed to dress as a character from one of Roald Dahl's stories. We are also learning to recite the poem Jack and the Beanstalk, which we will perform in our assembly next week.

Well done Year 6 for a hard working week. Keep this up!



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