

# Villiers Primary School



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## Nursery

Autumn seems to herald the start of bugs, coughs and colds! Please remember that if your child has had a sickness bug—vomiting and diarrhoea — that you should keep your child away from school for the next 24 hours to avoid spreading the bug around. Also, the weather is getting colder and as we go outside every day, can you make sure all your children have waterproof coats to wear (no denim or leather) Thank you!

This week we have been settling the children into routines of the day, including how to play and tidy up each of the areas, morning and home routines, where bags and coats go and snack time. We are doing really well. Look out to see if your child has been given a sticker for being a 'super tidier upper!' or for their fantastic work.

In English we have been reading stories to encourage children to talk about their families and home life. Next week we will be focussing on 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears' story. This was our focus for our pre-Nursery sessions, so we are hoping it will be a familiar story to them. Thank you to all parents who have sent in pictures from that session, which we have used for a display in the cloakroom.

In Maths we have been singing counting rhymes. Next week we will be looking at size – big and little/ small linked to the Goldilocks story. In Topic next week we will have lots of activities linked to the Goldilocks story, including making play dough bears, finger puppets and mask making.

Now all the children are settled can you please make sure your children don't bring their own toys to school. It is very easy for them to get mixed up with our own toys. Wishing you all a pleasant weekend. Don't forget Parents Evening on Monday 5th October. If you would like an appointment please don't forget to fill in a slip and return to school as soon as you can.

## Reception

What a busy week we have had this week in Reception! On Monday we had a very special visit from a lollipop person. Each class had a turn in the hall where we all learnt how to cross the road with and without a Crossing Patrol Officer. We all had a lot of fun dressing up and pretending to cross the road. Friday was a very exciting day! We had great fun dressing up as characters from the world of Roald Dahl and enjoyed performing our poem to the school.

We have been lucky enough to have been given tickets for the Hickman Park Halloween Celebrations. The school will be running a competition to give children a chance to win a ticket to the event. If children would like to take part can we ask that they design a Halloween Poster which will then be judged in school. The deadline for posters is the 22<sup>nd</sup> October. These can be handed in to class teachers.

Next week we will be looking at the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' in our lessons. In English we will be writing about the characters, Maths will involve using 2D shapes to build a house and in Topic we will be doing some painting and house building.

Can we please ask parents to remember to take earrings out on P.E. days (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday) as staff cannot take these out and children will not be able to take part in P.E. with them in. Can parents also give children the chance to get themselves dressed into their uniform in the morning to help when changing before and after P.E at school.

We have Parents Evening on Monday 5th October. If you would like an appointment please ensure you send your slip back in as soon as possible. Wishing you a lovely weekend! See you on Monday!

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## Year 1

We have had yet another busy but exciting week in Year 1.

In English we have finished reading *The Gingerbread Man* and we have been using story maps to retell the story as well as thinking of alternative endings.

In Maths we have begun working on place value and partitioning numbers. Next week we are going to be making and partitioning teen numbers.

In Science this week we have been classifying and sorting animals before researching them on the internet.

We all had a wonderful time during our Roald Dahl day, with the children looking fantastic in their costumes. We spent the day making wanted posters for witches and our own spooky potions as well as performing a poem to the rest of the school.

Please note that every Friday your child will be taking part in a spelling test, these spelling are given a week before the test. Please make sure you practise these at home with your child to ensure that they improve each week.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

## Year 2

Thank-you to all parents who attended the Kingswood's meeting. If you haven't paid already, the deposit of £20 is needed as we are booking the places for the children.

This week in English we have been continuing with our Fairy Tale topic. We have been comparing and describing settings. When reading with your child you could ask them to describe the characters and settings to help develop this skill further. Next week we will be creating our own Fairy Tale using what we have been learning.

This week in Maths we have been ordering and comparing numbers. We have done this by looking at number patterns and identifying the next given number. Next week in Maths we will developing our adding skills and working with numbers above 100.

We had a fantastic Friday dressing up in our Roald Dahl costumes. We have celebrated by creating our own Roald Dahl game.

Each Friday your child will take part in a spelling test, these spelling are given a week before the test. Please make sure you practise these with your child to ensure that they improve each week.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

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## Year 3

It's been a wonderful week in Year 3!

In English, we have been looking at instructions and how it is important that we are clear and precise when writing them. We made sure that we included imperative verbs and conjunctions for time in order for our instructions to be successful.

Throughout Maths this week, we have reinforced our knowledge of addition and subtraction by investigating and using different maths resources to help with our thinking and reasoning. We even had a go at manipulating these resources in order to generate interesting number patterns which we then had to justify.

Like all the children and staff at school, we had great fun dressing up for Roald Dahl Day. We very much enjoyed performing one of Dahl's poems, 'Little Red Riding Hood And The Wolf' in front of the whole school in a very special assembly.

Next week we look forward to continuing our Dahl theme by looking at 'The Twits' in our English lessons, as well as making an important decision when selecting our new class representatives.

## Year 4

This week in English we have been learning how to add more detail to our sentences using when and why conjunctions such as before and because. We have used these to write a letter using 'The Hare and the Tortoise' story for inspiration.

In Maths we have been looking at methods for addition and learning how to use the compact column method.

In Science we have been learning how sound is made and how it travels to our ear. We used rice on a drum to see the vibrations and we made our own cup telephone. We found that we need to keep the string tight so that the vibrations can travel down the string. We learned about amplitude and wave length and drew sound waves to reflect high/low, loud and quiet sounds.

We have had lots of fun dressing up for our Roald Dahl Day and we performed the poem 'The Pig' in our assembly as a whole year group. We wrote our own revolting rhyme and presented it on marbled paper which we created using different inks.

Next week there will be class representative elections and we are looking forward to seeing who will be our class representative for School Council this year.

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## Year 5

*It has been an exciting week in year 5.*

*This week in Maths we have been reading and writing Roman numerals and counting through zero using positive and negative numbers.*

*In English we have learnt more about what happens to Jim in the workhouse and his exciting escape.*

*The children have made a predication about what will happen next and they can't wait to find out! Next week we are writing newspaper reports about Victorian children.*

*Please ensure children are continuing to practise our new Cursive handwriting at home, as this will help them when using it in school.*

*Don't forget Year 5 are attending forest schools next week. 5HC - Monday 5CJS Tuesday 5SR Wednesday.*

*Remember to wear comfy and old clothes as the children will get dirty. Also ensure children have a spare pair of footwear for when we return to school for lunch.*

*Have a nice weekend.*

*Year 5 Staff.*

## Year 6

*This week has been a creative week for Y6, particularly in English. We have been exploring the feelings and emotions of evacuees leaving their families and moving to live with host families far away.*

*We have written diaries that express our innermost feelings using both figurative and emotive language.*

*In Maths we have continued to develop and secure our understanding of place value, particularly focusing on decimals. We have also begun to apply this to solving word questions involving adding and subtracting.*

*Today, we have worked together to recite a poem from Roald Dahl's Revolting rhymes: Jack and the Beanstalk.*

*Next week, we will be going to Peascroft wood on Friday for a Science experiment so don't forget your wellies.*

*Also, it is Parents Evening on Monday 5th October. Forms and deposits for the Y6 residential need to be in as soon as possible.*

*Thank you.*

*Year 6 staff.*

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