

# Villiers Primary School



Nursery &  
Reception

Weekly  
Newsletter

## Nursery

This week has been a busy week in Nursery!

In English we have based our work around '*Goldilocks and the Three Bears*', seeing if your children can join in with the repetitive phrases in the story. We looked at books together in the Book Corner and the children enjoyed sharing the books with each other.

In Phonics we have learnt the 's' and 'd' sound.

In Maths we have been sorting materials into soft and hard, so the children understand what Daddy Bear and Mummy Bear's chairs and beds were like.

In Topic we have been painting bears, looking for signs of Autumn in the school garden and building a den for the three bears.

Next week we will be basing our work around '*Going on a Bear Hunt*'. We will be going on a bear hunt around the school outside area, practising going under, over and through and '*painting*' bears on laptops, using the 2Paint a Picture programme.

In Maths we will be counting bears and in phonics we will be learning two new sounds.

Thank you to everyone who managed to attend Parents Evening on Monday – it was lovely to meet you all. Thank you for all your positive comments!

Please remember to hear your child read their books as often as you can and write how they have done in the green diary (remember if you read 3 times in the week with your child they reach the top of the Reading Tree. When your child achieves this 8 times they can choose a free book!) Please send in Reading books every day so we can hear your child read when we can. If books need changing in the meantime please let us know.

Monday is our Reading for Comfort Day. Children can wear comfy clothes for a £1 donation and bring their favourite fact book to share! Have a lovely weekend.

## Reception

A big thank you to all parents that attended Parents Evening this week. It was lovely speaking to you all about how well your children have settled into Reception.

This week children will be bringing home a bean they have planted during Topic lessons. We have been thinking about what plants need to grow. Teachers would love to see any photographs/drawings/writing/measuring that children may do in relation to the changes they see happening to their beans over the next few weeks.

On Monday it is 'Reading for Pleasure in Comfort Day'. Don't forget to come to school in your onesies, pyjamas or comfiest clothes. The theme is Non-Fiction so please try to bring in your favourite non-fiction book and remember your £1 donation.

Children in Reception will be doing a Christmas production this year. Next week we are hoping to begin simple auditions to see which children have nice, big voices. Don't worry if you are a bit shy - we need lots of dancers and actors as well!

We have attached 'Wow sheets' so please send in any 'Wow' moments your children may have at home.

Wishing you a lovely weekend! See you Monday!

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## Year 1

We have once again had a busy time in Year 1. This week some of us have been trying out for Gymnastic Squad and a big well done to those children who qualified!

In Maths this week we have been making great improvements with our partitioning skills.

Next week we will be working on measures and shapes. We will be estimating and looking at symmetrical patterns.

In English we have been re-writing the story of the Gingerbread Man, concentrating on using capital letters and full stops. Next week we will continue with our fairy tale theme and will be reading Jack and the Beanstalk. We will be focusing on improving our sentences.

In Topic we are going to be looking at family trees and discussing who is in our family.

Please can you talk to your children about who is in their family including Grandparents.

In Science we are continuing with our topic on Animals including Humans.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Year 1 Staff

## Year 2

In English this week we have been writing our own instructions. We have made our own game and have written the instructions so that we could play them. We have also followed a set of instructions to make a paper aeroplane. Next week we will be continuing our theme of instructions and focusing on punctuation and instructional language. At home you could find sets of instructions and ask children to pick out the common features.

In Maths this week we have been concentrating on subtraction. We have applied this skill by checking our number sentences using the inverse operation. Next week we will be applying our skills further to solve a range of numbers and word problems. At home you could help your child by asking them to make different amounts using both addition and subtraction.

Thank you to all parents who have already returned the Kingswood form, if you haven't please do so at the start of next week.

A reminder that on Monday it is 'Reading For Pleasure in Comfort Day'. Your children can come to school wearing comfy clothing and bring with them a non-fiction book together with a £1 donation. Could you please talk to your children to ask them what activities they would like to do during the day and bring with them what they need if necessary.

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Year 3 &  
Year 4

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## Year 3

English in Year 3 has continued to be based on Roald Dahl since the Roald Dahl day. The pupils have finished reading *The Twits* and this been the context for sessions. The children wrote a play script, followed the script to act it out in groups and then edited and up-levelled the scripts. They now have a good example of a completed play script in their books.

Maths in Year 3 has relied on prior knowledge to help the children understand rounding to 10 and 100.

They children were given numbers and had to investigate the rules for rounding. Ask your child if they can recite the process (if the number is equal to or greater than 5, round up and if the number is less than 5 round down).

In Science the children have been learning about the muscle system. They have a new guest in 3SC—he is 'armless'. Ask your child about this...

In Swimming the children are a lot more organised now. This week NO kits were lost and the children were quickly into the pool and had a longer session.

Please remember that on Monday it is reading for pleasure day. Your child can come to school in comfortable clothing for the day for a £1 donation.

## Year 4

In Maths the children have been using partitioning and the grid method to multiply.

For example

$$123 \times 3 = 369$$

	H	T	U	
x	100	20	3	300 + 60 + 9 = 369
3	300	60	9	

Ask your child to explain this method to you. Next week the children are going to be revisiting division. They will be using the chunking method. Here is an example of what they will be doing

$$72 \div 3 =$$

24	
3 $\overline{)72}$	
30	⑩ x 3
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42	
- 30	⑩ x 3
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12	
- 12	④ x 3
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10 x 3  
10 x 3  
4 x 3

In English the children have been writing play scripts based on *Charlotte's Web*. They have also been learning about adverbial phrases.

Please remember on Monday the children are visiting Peascroft Wood. Children are to wear comfortable clothes in the morning for reading for pleasure day and then change into outdoor clothes for the afternoon.

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Year 6

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## Year 5

We have been developing our Maths skills for subtraction and addition this week, using decomposition. We have completed word problems for both addition and subtraction. Next week we will be completing addition and subtraction sums mentally.

We have continued reading more of 'Street Child' in English lessons and have written diary entries and a letter imagining we were one of the characters. Next week we are looking at the themes in 'Street Child' and continuing with the story.

In Science we have been interpreting our results from our investigation to write a conclusion.

Please continue to hear your child read at home, practise their spellings and hand homework in every Tuesday.

Clubs start next week and your child should have come home with a letter stating the clubs they are in.

Remember on Monday it is 'Reading in Comfort Day'. Please come in your comfortable clothes and remember to bring a non-fiction book to share with the class and your £1 donation.

## Year 6

It has been an absolutely delightful week working with the Year 6 children this week. First of all, in English children were introduced to the Blitz and the events that surrounded it. We then explored Blitz poetry and the children created their own Blitz poems. They were fantastic! Most of the children wrote with a real poetic voice using rhythm and rhyme, but most importantly they made excellent use of figurative language which really brought their poems to life! Well done to the children who produced a fantastic World War 2 letter or diary for their homework.

In Maths, Miss Woolley's group have been using formal written methods for addition and subtraction. Mr Critchlow's group have been challenging themselves with using all 4 operations with negative numbers and Mrs Kaur's group have been looking at formal written methods for division of whole numbers and decimals.

In Topic, children began to develop their design skills in designing and creating either a gas mask or an evacuee's suitcase. Some impressive skills were shown.

Finally, we would just like to say a big thank you to all the parents that attended the Parents' Evening - it was lovely to share information about your child. Just to inform you, children receive spelling homework every week as well as an additional Maths or English piece, which is given on Monday and handed in on Thursday. They can also practise what we have been learning in class on a daily basis as something additional. This will help to embed the skills and knowledge even further.

Reminder: 'Reading In Comfort Day' is this Monday. Please come in your comfortable clothes and remember to bring a non-fiction book to share with the class and your £1 donation

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